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Ex-Rota mayor formally charged

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The Office of the Attorney General has formally charged former Rota mayor Melchor A. Mendiola in connection with the Office of the Public Auditor's investigation on alleged corruption activities of former Rota municipal officials.

Assistant attorney general Emily Cohen filed on Tuesday an amended information charging the 65-year-old Mendiola with theft.

According to the first amended in-

formation, Mendiola unlawfully took

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Thinking it was 'ice,' cop buys 'tawas'

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Police Officer I Carl Kohler Tudela pleaded guilty yesterday to attempted possession of a controlled substance as part of a plea deal and was sentenced to the maximum two years and six months in prison.

» **Cop gets 30 months in prison; first to fall in 'control-reverse' operation**

Yet in the sting operation that led to Tudela's arrest, what he believed to be methamphetamine or "ice" was actu-

ally "tawas"—a Tagalog term for alum, a crystalline substance used to control body odor or deodorant that also has cosmetic, medicinal, and health benefits.

In the report prepared by Office of the Attorney General investigator George F. David, he said a joint team

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Donations for Rota are pouring in

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The Karidat Association of Saipan CNMI has been at the receiving end of a flood of donations from various private individuals and companies that will be used to help Rota residents in the wake of the damage brought by Typhoon Dolphin.

The organization has already received a total amount of \$5,500 as of yesterday.

The Korean Association yesterday chipped in \$500, while the Chinese United Association of Saipan gave \$2,500, which were donated by com-

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Over 300 dogs sterilized, 17 adopted

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Over 300 dogs have already been sterilized since sterilization services kicked off last May 19, according to Animal Balance founder and director Emma Clifford yesterday.

Services for spay, neutering, and zeuterin were offered the whole day yesterday at the Kagman Community Center and this will go on until today, May 28, the last day of the sterilization service in Kagman.

The service will then move back to the Saipan Mayor's Office Animal Shelter in Lower Base where adoption services will be readily available until May 30.

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Christopher Hersha, dog handler for Animal Balance, tries to leash one of the dogs that is ready for neutering or zeuterin.



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As high as 9 out 10 crimes related to 'ice,' says lawmaker

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Most of the crimes committed in the CNMI may have something to do with methamphetamine or "ice," according to Rep. Antonio P. Sablan (Ind-Saipan), who said that based on his own estimates, crimes from burglary to murder may have direct links to the illegal drug.

He estimated that the figures

can be anywhere from 80 to 90 percent.

"These are just based on my meetings and consultations with the authorities," Sablan said, noting that he and other lawmakers have been meeting with the Department of Public Safety and the Customs Division of the Department of Finance.

For the lawmaker, the "ice" issue "is an alarming development" that deserves attention.

There are no current statistics to speak of when it comes to "ice," but the establishment of a drug court can provide needed data.

Sablan is the author of a House joint resolution, HJR 19-05, seeking to create a multi-agency, multi-department, anti-crime task force on the CNMI. Members of the House of Representatives voted unanimously to support the resolution.

CUC continues search for management posts

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s repeated nationwide searches for a deputy executive director appear to have come up short but more interviews are scheduled this month.

In its most recent report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on court-ordered projects, the position of deputy executive director remains incomplete after a due date of January last year.

CUC reports to EPA on these projects. A deputy executive director, among other posts, are required under stipulated order No. 1, which also covers water and wastewater projects.

In its report, CUC said their third nationwide search for qualified applicants to fill the vacant position is ongoing.

"An interview listing of the most recent qualified applicants is in process and interviews will be occurring in

May," CUC wrote.

The CUC report also noted that the required "chief financial officer" item is now complete. CUC hired Matthew Yaquinto last month. He began at CUC on April 17.

Other unfilled positions is a drinking water and wastewater division manager, according to the April report. The last manager resigned in September last year.

"CUC is currently recruiting for the position by first contacting eligible applicants on file," the report states. A nationwide search is ongoing and candidates are being processed.

The report also lists the "executive director" item as complete. However, the current executive director, Alan Fletcher, is set to depart July.

Three men arrested for separate violent attacks, domestic violence

Three men were arrested for allegedly committing separate violent attacks and domestic assaults on Saipan in the last few days.

Apprehended were Juan Borja Roberto, 55; Johnson Gulapa Bonaon, 45; and Alex Kalen Borja, 36. All were taken to Superior Court yesterday for bail hearings.

Roberto was arrested for burglary and theft, criminal mischief, criminal trespass, and

disturbing the peace.

Citing Roberto's criminal history and the seriousness of the charges, Associate Judge David A. Wiseman increased the original \$10,750 cash bail imposed on Roberto to \$25,000 cash.

Bonaon was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, assault, criminal trespass, disturbing the peace, criminal mischief, and violating an order of protection.

Borja was arrested for assault and battery, child abuse or neglect, and disturbing the peace.

Citing Borja's extensive criminal history, Wiseman increased the original bail of \$3,750 cash to \$20,000 cash.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government at the hearings.

Police detective Nicholas Rabauliman stated in his report that Roberto, armed with a pipe and machete, allegedly broke several items in the house and stole a table belonging to his former wife in Dandan, and damaged a car on Monday morning.

In Bonaon's case, Rabauliman said the defendant, who appeared drunk, broke into the house of his former girlfriend in Afetnas on Sunday night, pointed a machete at her throat, and threatened to kill her.

Rabauliman said the victim sustained lacerations on the head and right shoulder. Their three children witnessed the incident.

In Borja's case, police detective Vincent A. Igisaier stated in his report that Borja beat up his girlfriend in front of her children when she returned home in Kagman III Sunday at 9pm from a relative's house. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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PSS wants \$5 million more for its FY 2016 budget

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The Public School System is requesting a budget that is \$5.5 million higher than what the CNMI government has proposed for the agency.

Speaking in front of lawmakers at a budget hearing on Capitol Hill yesterday, PSS officials lobbied for a budget of \$42 million, which is significantly higher than the \$36.5 million that the government is proposing.

PSS, as mandated by the

CNMI Constitution, must be allocated 25 percent of the government's proposed budget for the fiscal year.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan said the bulk of the budget increase will be used for personnel, citing several public high schools that have been using substitute teachers for some time now.

In its request, PSS wants to hire 16 new teachers.

At one point in the discussion, Rep. Antonio P. Sablan (Ind-Saipan) asked the PSS chief if there are public schools that can accommodate the new FTEs.

Dr. Sablan gave assurances that there are several public schools that will have the capacity to accommodate the new hires.

A big item in the budget re-

quest is the "deferred maintenance" project of PSS, which includes upgrading the infrastructure of several schools.

In its budget request, PSS indicated a budget of \$1 million for deferred maintenance projects; the government's proposal lists \$3 million.

Lawmakers requested PSS to provide a list of these projects, in accordance with the budget allocation.

Dr. Sablan said that PSS has already identified several key infrastructure projects, including major repairs on school gutters, school bus stops, and cafeterias, among others.

Rep. Felicida Ogomoro (R-Saipan) said that PSS also needs to submit a list of its outstanding debts and other obligations.

Listed in the PSS budget is a \$3.6 million allocation for utilities for fiscal year 2016.

"We have to see what other obligations that the PSS may have which can help us in making the decision on the budget," the lawmaker said.

After the hearing, Dr. Sablan said she hopes the Legislature will be "considerate," particularly on the need for more personnel and utilities.

More funds

Office of Management and Budget chief Vicky Villagomez, who was present at the budget hearing, said the CNMI is set to receive Compact Impact funds of about \$2.3 million from the Office of Insular Affairs, although details of the budget al-

location are still unclear.

This amount represents federal payments for the social services that local governments shoulder in order to accommodate immigrants from Freely Associated States like Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and Marshall Islands.

It is not known whether the funds will go directly to PSS, although these funds are for the public school systems of all the territories.

"A big chunk of the fund will be given to the PSS probably by the end of the school year," Villagomez said at the hearing. She did not give other details, aside from a tentative date of Oct. 15 for the fund's release.

These Compact Impact funds are not factored in the PSS budget request.

Muña: CHC closely monitoring the spread of chikungunya virus

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Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Esther Muña assured yesterday that the corporation is closely monitoring the spread of the chikungunya virus, which, according to Secretariat of the Pacific Community, has now reached half of the Pacific Island countries.

The chikungunya virus causes fever and joint pain. It also causes headache, muscle pain, joint swelling, and rash. Although it is not deadly, the pain caused by the virus can be painful and last several months, affecting daily activities and livelihoods of sick people and communities.

Muña said they are aware of the virus spreading rapidly throughout the Pacific, the closest being Yap and the Marshall Islands. She said there has been no reported case in the CNMI yet.

"CHCC has a surveillance team and a newly hired epidemiologist that will be ready and prepared to respond," Muña said.

Warren Villagomez, director of the CHCC Public Health and Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program, said that CHCC monitors all patient access and sentinel sites for any infectious diseases.

"Our 'All Hazard Infectious Disease Response Team' is standing by for any reported cases. The team is composed of medical and non-medical personnel who are trained to investigate and provide direct immediate care," Villagomez said.

According to an SPC statement on Tuesday, the chikungunya virus is projected to continue to spread for some years due to a number of factors, mainly the low immunity of the populations in non-affected countries.

Man allegedly behind car burglaries fall

An ex-convict who is allegedly behind a series of car burglaries on Saipan has been arrested, police said yesterday.

Department of Public Safety acting spokesman Jason Tarkong confirmed that the suspect was apprehended and is expected to be taken to court today, Thursday. *Saipan Tribune* opted not to release the defendant's name until he is taken to court for a bail hearing.

Tarkong said the suspect used the same modus operandi by damaging the vehicles' rear vent windows.

Tarkong can't comment

Those with fever or joint pains after travelling to countries where chikungunya circulates can avoid spreading the disease by immediately seeing their doctor.

However, while chikungunya is preventable, it is not treatable. There is no vaccine to prevent or medicine to treat the virus yet.

Prevent, symptoms

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says mosquitoes that spread chikungunya bite aggressively during the day. The best way to avoid infection is to prevent mosquito bites. It advises the following:

- Use air conditioning or window/door screens.

- Use mosquito repellents on exposed skin. Repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, and some oil of lemon eucalyptus and para-menthane-diol products provide long lasting protection.

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants or permethrin-treated clothing.

- Empty standing water from outdoor containers.

Symptoms usually begin three to seven days after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

The most common symptoms are fever and severe joint pain, often in the hands and feet. Other symptoms may include headache, muscle pain, joint swelling, or rash.

Most patients will feel better within a week. Some people develop longer-term joint pain that can last weeks to months. Death is rare but can occur.


People at increased risk for severe disease include newborns exposed during delivery, older adults (65 years), and people with medical conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, or heart disease.

whether it was the same suspect who was recently behind the burglary of six cars in Chinatown.

He said the suspect was arrested in connection with a Dandan incident, but possibly also with other similar cases. He said more details would be released today.

Six vehicles parked at B&R Apartment in Chinatown were burglarized early Friday morning and cash, items, and documents were stolen.

The suspect or suspects managed to open the cars by breaking the rear vent windows. (Ferdie de la Torre)

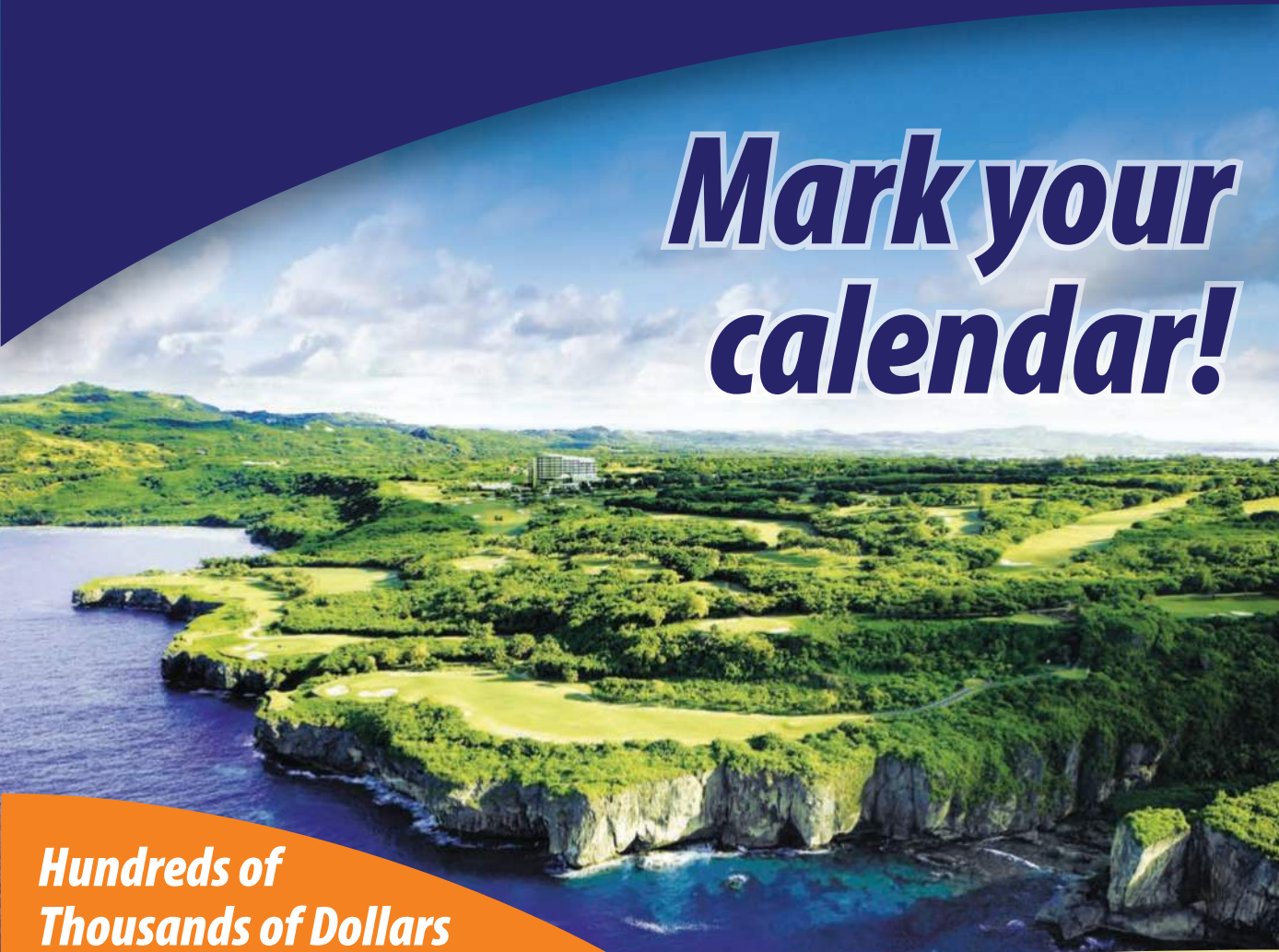


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NMC expected to stress need for more resources

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The Northern Marianas College is set to meet with the Legislature at 1:30pm today on its proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

College president Dr. Sharon Hart stressed their lack of resources in a public hearing earlier this week.

Hart called the lack of resources as the “elephants in the room” when it came to investing in their programs and grow-

ing to meet workforce needs.

Thousands of jobs in the CNMI remain filled by foreign workers ahead of the expiration of the contract worker program in 2019.

The college had been trying to increase its relevance to workforce development.

Recent data estimates for fiscal 2014 show that college estimated to spend about \$275,337 on wages and salaries for their apprenticeship program. This amount comes from allocated contract worker fee funds.

A total of \$130,000 was estimated to be spent on contractual services and the rest on supplies and travel expenses.

The apprenticeship program, though, remains a tough sell as a certified program by federal standards would require wages and salaries competitive with peer markets.

Right now, the governor’s proposed budget for NMC, sitting with the House Ways and Means Committee, is at \$4.48 million.

The college had submitted a

budget request of \$8.481 million to the Office of the Governor last month. They are receiving \$4.4 million in local appropriations for this fiscal year.

For two years now, the college had proposed a line item for salary adjustments totaling \$686,000. Some \$200,000 for faculty ranking adjustments was also proposed.

The college has explained the need to adjust salary pay to retain instructors and meet the required administrative capacity per accreditation standards.

A line item added last year and sought again is for \$686,000 in salary adjustments for all staff and faculty, as well \$200,000 for faculty ranking adjustments.

In their fiscal 2015 “budget narrative,” they said adjusting faculty salaries was “essential” to meeting accreditation standards.

In 2013, the college said, one reason they were on “show cause” status from their accrediting commission was a failure to meet the “administrative capacity” requirement.

“One of the key reason identified in the report as to why the

college was having difficulty over the years in sustaining administrative capacity was due to low salaries and lack of increases given to both administrators and all other employees,” the college wrote.

The college stated then that it will be setting salary benchmarks at 85 percent the average of its peers.

“The college must continue to meet and or/exceed this eligibility requirement or its accreditation will once again be at risk. Our salaries must be adjusted accordingly,” the college wrote.



The Karidat Association of Saipan CNMI receives \$2,500 from the Chinese United Association of Saipan. The amount was pooled from donations made by I Love Saipan, QQ Car Rental, Pretty Tour Car Rental, Capital Hotel, Xo Market, Hanamitsu Hotel, Twins Market, Lucky De Market, Feng Ni Beauty Salon, U Save Car Rental, and Micronesia Car Rental.

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DONATIONS

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panies I Love Saipan, QQ Car Rental, Pretty Tour Car Rental, Capital Hotel, Xo Market, Hanamitsu Hotel, Twins Market, Lucky De Market, Feng Ni

Beauty Salon, U Save Car Rental, and Micronesia Car Rental.

Chinese United Association president Allen Xie, vice president James Han, and Henry Li presented the check to Karidat executive director Lauri Ogumoro on Monday.

Micronesia Resort, Inc.,

through its subsidiary Coral Ocean Golf Resort, also donated \$2,500 to Karidat to use for food purchases.

According to Ogumoro, the donated funds will be used to buy food, mainly rice and canned goods such as tuna and luncheon meat, which are the



Coral Ocean Point donates \$2,500 worth of camp stoves and butane gas for Rota. The donation was received by Senate President Victor B. Hocog (Ind-Rota) and Sen. Steve Mesngon (R-Rota).

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items most needed on Rota right now.

Ogumoro added that they are still accepting donations from those who want to help the typhoon victims on Rota.

“We’re very grateful to those who donated, especially the individuals who continue to sup-

port us,” she said.

Additional donations

Coral Ocean Point also donated \$2,500 worth of camp stoves and butane gas for the residents of Rota.

A total of 100 camp stoves and 43 boxes of butane gas were donated by the group and were received by Senate President

Victor B. Hocog (Ind-Rota).

Sen. Steve Mesngon (R-Rota) was also present in the meeting and expressed his appreciation for the relief activity.

According to the resort’s operations director, Dennis Seo, their donations were on the way to Rota as of yesterday.

“This is our way to give back to the community,” Seo said.

THINKING

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did a “control-reverse” operation against Tudela, wherein the subject is offered “ice” for purchase. David disclosed that they used “tawas” and not “ice” in that operation.

David also said that one marijuana plant was found inside Tudela’s apartment and another in the balcony.

At yesterday’s sentencing, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho noted that at the time that Tudela tried to

purchase what he believed to be “ice,” he was a police officer. The judge said Tudela took an oath as a police officer to uphold the law, and as a police officer he had an affirmative duty to enforce the law.

“Defendant, instead of enforcing the law was the one breaking the law,” Camacho said.

To ensure that others—especially law enforcement officers, are deterred from committing the same mistake—the court imposes the full maximum sentence possible, Camacho said.

The 38-year-old Tudela was

ordered to serve the two-year-and-six-month prison term day for day, without the possibility of parole. He was given credit for time served and ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine. He failed to post the \$100,000 cash bail since his arrest last March 6.

After the hearing, Tudela was in tears as he hugged his girlfriend and family members.

Tudela told the court that he was offered to buy what he believed was “ice” and that he agreed to purchase some.

“I just apologize to everyone, my family, and the community,” he said, adding that what he did

was a mistake.

Defense attorney Charles Reyes had recommended a sentence of time served and probation so that his client can rehabilitate himself. Reyes said Tudela is remorseful, accepted responsibility for his crime, and has no prior conviction.

Assistant attorney general Clayton J. Graef recommended a sentence of two years in prison.

The remaining charges of illegal manufacture of a controlled substance (marijuana) and misconduct in public office were dropped as part of the plea agreement.

EX-ROTA

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nine picnic tables belonging to the Rota Mayor’s Office on and between September 2014 and Feb. 26, 2015, on Rota.

Cohen filed the amended information after her request to file more documents was granted by Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho.

In her request, Cohen said the government is amending the information to add Mendiola as a co-defendant in the case.

The prosecutor said Mendiola was off-island and was not served with an arrest warrant

when his co-defendants were served.

The former mayor voluntarily surrendered to the Department of Corrections last May 19 and was served with the arrest warrant. He posted a \$10,000 cash bail. His arraignment will be on June 5.

The first amended information also charged Alfred Apatang, Bernard Apatang, Stacey Ann M. Atalig, and Tina M. Atalig with theft.

Alfred Apatang is a former field supervisor of then-mayor Mendiola. He allegedly stole a Toshiba Satellite laptop valued at \$975 belonging to the Rota Mayor’s Office between Sep-

tember 2014 and Feb. 27, 2015, on Rota.

Bernard Apatang allegedly stole a Toshiba Satellite laptop worth \$975 belonging to the Rota Office of Finance between September 2014 and Feb. 27, 2015, on Rota. There is no information yet on what was his job was at that time.

Stacey Ann Atalig allegedly stole a Toshiba Tecra laptop valued at \$2,049 belonging to the Rota Office of Finance between September 2014 and March 2015 on Rota. She is a former Rota Finance resident director.

Tina Atalig allegedly stole a Toshiba Satellite laptop worth

over \$250 and less than \$20,000 belonging to the Rota Mayor’s Office between September 2014 and Feb. 26, 2015, on Rota. She is former secretary of then-mayor Mendiola.

OPA Task Force officer JB K. Cepeda stated in his report that they initiated the investigation after receiving last February a letter from Rota Mayor Efrain M. Atalig requesting assistance to investigate Mendiola’s questionable transactions.

Cepeda said Atalig apparently discovered that government properties such as laptops, folding tables, a typewriter, and other items were unaccounted for or missing.

DOGS

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“For the adoption program last Friday, people came to look at the dogs and they came back with their families the following day and petted them and got to adopt 15 of them. Last night we bathed all the dogs and gave them flea and tick treatments and de-wormed them,” Clifford told *Saipan Tribune*.

Clifford said the remaining dogs at the shelter that hadn’t been sterilized yet will be sterilized on Friday and will be made ready for adoption.

“Up here at the shelter in Kagman, we have done sterilization project and brought up some of the shelter dogs and put bandanas on them and show them that they are up for adoption. We’ve adopted two here in Kagman,” she said.

A total of 17 dogs have been adopted, according to Saipan Mayor’s Office dog control program manager Spencer Marchadesch.

“The turnout has been really great and they have been coming in and bringing their dogs for the sterilization services,” Marchadesch said.

“Donations keep coming in and the community members and businesses are so generous in making donations and purchasing vouchers. We will put together the donations that we have gotten, both in-kind and cash donations, and will tabulate it later today and come up with the amount received,” he added.

Jason Hudy, a volunteer since the services kicked off, said they will have a volunteer meeting on June 6 at 4pm and June 7 at 10am in Lower Base.

The meeting aims to educate the community on how to volunteer their time at the Saipan animal shelter, provide foster care to animals in need, help with events, support animal protection legislation, and many more.

Aside from the adoption of dogs, cats are also available for adoption. Hudy noted that they have several cats and kittens for interested pet owners who want to adopt them.

For more information on volunteering and other ways to help, call Marchadesch at 234-6208 or email at spencer.cm8@gmail.com or contact Humane Society’s Inga Gibson through email at igibson@humanesociety.org.

DLNR will not pursue resumption of Sabalu Market in Garapan

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Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Richard Seman will notify the Sabalu Market to cease its operations at

the Garapan Fishing Base.

According to Seman, the Department of Public Lands has informed his office that the temporary authorization, or TA, that allowed the Saipan Sabalu Farmers Market to set up their

tents and sales of fresh produce on Tuesday in Garapan has since expired.

"...Supposedly since Sept. 20, 2013," he said.

"With this information I have to notify [Sabalu Market]

president Manny Borja to cease its Tuesday market events immediately," Seman told Saipan Tribune.

DLNR will not be pursuing the market's resumption any time soon, he said.

This goes to their effort to ensure success of the CNMI Farmer's Cooperative Association, he said.

The Farmer's Co-op is seen as Sabalu's competitor and runs at the Garapan Public Market

right near where Sabalu sets up their Tuesday tents.

DPL has designated a portion of the Garapan Fishing Base to DLNR to operate this public market. The market was rehabilitated and opened in August last year using federal government assistance.

Alleged bully, 19, is accused of beating up 17-yr.-old teen

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Police arrested a 19-year-old man for allegedly bullying and beating up a minor after the minor refused to fight with him and his companion in San Antonio on Monday night.

Michael Kazuo Lagahin Ito was arrested for disturbing the peace and assault and battery. His bail was initially set at \$1,500 cash but he was later allowed to post \$150 cash and \$1,350 in unsecured bond.

Police detective Jason T. Tarkong stated in his report that three police officers were dispatched to San Antonio in response to a disturbance near the village's Manhoben Youth Center.

Tarkong said the officers met with the victim, a 17-year-old Korean male, who had blood stains on his white T-shirt and on his dark-colored pants. The victim was bleeding from a

laceration on the left side of his upper lip that was about an inch and a half long. The alleged victim received nine stitches on his lips and was released from the Commonwealth Health Center after treatment.

Police officer Ralph Ranganmar learned from the victim that Ito punched and kicked him several times. The victim claimed that Ito is a known bully at school and in the village.

Tarkong learned that the victim and an 18-year-old friend were playing basketball at the Manhoben Youth Center when Ito, who was with a minor, approached them and challenged the victim to fight his companion.

When the victim refused, Ito allegedly kicked him on the left side of the rib and punched him twice in the face, causing his lips to bleed.

The victim's friend ran and Ito chased him. Ito's companion

then allegedly continued to assault the victim several times by punching his legs and arms.

After being arrested, Ito allegedly confessed to police officers Rudy Sablan and Joe Magofna that he punched and kicked the victim.

Ito's preliminary hearing is on June 3 and he is ordered to appear in court on June 8.

It was not immediately learned if Ito's companion was also arrested.

Chamber group to host 'Run For Nepal on June 6

The Nepalese Community of Saipan, in partnership with the Saipan Young Professionals (a committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce), will be hosting a "Run For Nepal" event on Saturday, June 6, in front of the Garapan Public Market (Garapan Fishing Base across Kristo Rai Church). They are encouraging community members, students and families to join them as they "run for a cause." The event will consist of a 5K run from the Garapan

Public Market to the former Hakubotan building and back. It is open to all students, families, and community members.

Funds from this event will go directly to the survivors of the recent Nepal earthquake, through the Nepalese Community of Saipan. Registration fee is \$10. Registration forms are available at Java Joe's in Dandan or at Garapan Fishing Base on the day of the event. The run will begin on June 6 at 5:30am with prizes for the Top 3 finishers!

"This is a very worthy cause that we are proud to stand behind," said SYP chair Mable Ayuyu and co-chair Bobby Cruz of the Saipan Young Professionals Committee.

If you'd like to participate, volunteer, or donate to this cause, contact Mahesh Thapa, president for the Nepalese Community of Saipan at thapamahesh2002@yahoo.com, Raj Kumar Rai at rajraijuly3@gmail.com, or Mable Ayuyu at natalieayuyu@gmail.com. (SYP)

US Labor's Tenorio highlights labor issues at SHRM meeting

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A federal investigator from the U.S. Department of Labor spoke at the Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter's monthly meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday to describe recent labor audit issues his office has been encountering in the Commonwealth.

Wage and Hour Division's Dean Tenorio said that many of the local labor issues relate to deductions, overtime, and break hours.

One of the main points that Tenorio emphasized at the meeting was the issue of deductions in an employee's paycheck. He said an employer should not deduct from the salary of an employee if it will result in the salary going lower than the set minimum wage.

Whatever deductions—whether payment for tools, uniforms, or damages—that an employer will apply to an employee must not result in the former paying lower than the minimum wage of \$6.05 an hour.

He added that materials or tools that are needed for job safety must be the employer's responsibility.

"You can deduct if you are paying higher than the minimum wage," Tenorio said. "Deductions should be for the employee's benefits."

He added that overtime pay is also protected from deductions and must be counted on a

weekly basis.

Working off the clock

Tenorio also pointed out the enforcement of breaks as well as the observance of the hours and right compensation for employees who worked those hours.

He told of cases where employers were unreasonable in their expectations of the employees when they require the latter to finish demanding workloads without exceeding their regular hours just so they will not pay for overtime.

He also cited cases wherein an employee is somehow forced to clock out for break time even if he or she didn't actually go on a break.

"The question is not whether they didn't eat. It's about if they take a break that's not interrupted," Tenorio said.

One member of the audience asked Tenorio about "devoted employees" who insist on working even when off the clock.

Tenorio reminded the managers and supervisors that it is their responsibility to monitor these employees' activities as well as maintain accurate records of their employees' hours.

According to SHRM chapter president Frank Gibson, the board chose their topic for this month.

"These are the issues that concern all of our members," he said.

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NMI, Okinawa bond remains strong with MRA's 46th visit



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Members of the Micronesia Repatriation Association of Okinawa, together with Okinawa prefectural government representatives, have their picture taken at the Last Command Post in Marpi.

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The Micronesia Repatriation Association of Okinawa is helping build stronger ties between

Japan and their "second home," with 80 of their members taking part in their annual pilgrimage to Saipan and Tinian.

This year marks the group's 46th visit to Saipan and its 38th

visit to Tinian.

MRA is an association of Okinawans born in Micronesia during the Japanese era. The association returns annually to the CNMI to pay respect to the dead and pray for world peace.

MRA chairman Zenichi Taira was emotional during his speech

at a dinner reception held in one of the Saipan Mayor's Office staff residence on Monday. He extended his appreciation to the people of the CNMI for ensuring that the historical landmarks and memorial monuments of Okinawa are taken cared of.

Like his predecessor, Choken Ginoza—a longstanding and

influential supporter of tourism in the Northern Mariana Islands who passed away on June 10, 2009—Taira said these annual visits to Saipan and Tinian are important to him.

He also thanked the Marianas Visitors Authority for its endless support in welcoming their group.

«**Okinawans support 'Save Pagan and Tinian' campaign**»
"This year we see many new faces as the families continue to pass on. For some, due to their health, are unable to fly,"

Taira said.

Among honorary guests from Okinawa were Lt. Gov. Isho Urasai of the Okinawa prefectural government, secretary Seiyu Yogi, and Peace Support

and Gender Equality Division vice councilor Yasushi Ohama.

Urasai said it is important to continue to foster the goodwill relationship between the CNMI and Okinawa.

"It is very important that the future generation of both countries remember their past for we share the history and culture. It is also the burial site of many of our Okinawan ancestors," Urasai said.

Support for Pagan, Tinian

During their stay, some MRA members became aware of the U.S. military's plan to use Tinian and Pagan for live-fire training and how the local population has been resisting the plan.

"Many of the members came across the sticker to 'Save Pa-

gan and Tinian' and have requested for some stickers...because many of them were born on Tinian and do not support such plans. Many shared that this our second home and we will not support such a move," Taira added.

The group arrived Monday morning and will be departing this Friday. Some are on Tinian and the rest are on Saipan.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Calling on all cancer survivors

The 2015 CNMI Cancer Survivors' Week proclamation signing will be held on Friday, May 29, 2015, at 10am at the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill. All cancer survivors are being encouraged to join the Commonwealth Cancer Association at the proclamation signing and to wear their 2015 Marianas March Against Cancer survivor T-shirts. A healing Mass will be held on Friday, May 29, 2015, at 6pm at the Kristo Rai Parish Church. All survivors must call the CCA office at 682-0050 to confirm their attendance. **(PR)**

CLI to mark 10th anniversary

The Center for Living Independently in the CNMI is inviting the public to join them as they commemorate 10 years of service to individuals with disabilities in the community. The event will be held tomorrow, May 29, 2015, from 10am to 2pm, at the Center for Living Independently office, Bldg No. 1366, on Capital Hill. Raffle tickets will be sold for great prizes and you don't need to be present to win! For more information, call 322-4303/4304 or email clic-nmi2005@yahoo.com. **(CLI)**

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The Scope of Work for this project will be available on or after **May 14, 2015** at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive, Saipan during regular working hours.

All inquiries should be directed to **Ms. Laura T. Ogumoro**, Secretary of DCCA at (670) 664-2584/87, or fax to (670) 664-2571 or e-mail to **laura.ogumoro@gov.mp** **no later than the close of business, June 03, 2015**. Responses to questions shall be shared with other proposers.

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2. Venture Capital Group	02/06/2015 SMS-2015-X-007	Villora Condotel Residence Project	Achugao	Major Siting	Certified Complete (05/21/2015)
3. Yun Cai	05/12/2015 SPI/Swm-2015-X-030	Grading and Removal of Debris	Sadog Tasi	Ports & Industrial & Wetland APC	Approved (05/26/2015)*
4. CPA	05/04/2015 TPIIm-2015-X-035	Seawater Firefighting System	Tinian	Ports & Industrial APC	Under Review

Require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.



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Northern Marianas College graduates during the singing of the national and CNMI anthems.



NMC
Austin Delos Santos poses for the camera after receiving his degree during NMC's graduation ceremony.



NMC
NMC graduates smile for the camera during the commencement exercise. From left, Elowena Camacho, Garraime Cepeda, Jolly Ann Cruz, and Tyron Ermang.



NMC
NMC Class of 2015 members, from left, Claudette San Nicolas, Jimin Cheon, Fumi Nimura, and Rachel Masga take a group photo before the start of the graduation ceremony.



NMC
NMC graduate Augustin Aguon applauds as the commencement ceremony begins.



NMC
NMC graduate Luis Macaranas, second from right, poses with his family members after the commencement exercise.



NMC
Graduates of the Northern Marianas College during the commencement exercise.



NMC
NMC graduate Joe Pangelinan holds up his degree certificate jacket during the commencement ceremony.

Cerinn Hwang moves to her own beat

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Saipan International School sophomore Cerinn Hwang started dancing at the age of 3. With 13 years of ballet experience, this 15-year-old said her mother initially sought ballet for her so that she would have good posture and body coordination. However, Hwang explained that the underlying purpose of pursuing dance was not only to fire up her burgeoning passion for the art but also to learn English while living in a predominantly Korean-speaking household.

"My ballet classes gave me the opportunity to mingle with other girls my age and work on my communication skills, before heading into school," she told *Saipan Tribune*. "Ballet instilled a sense of musical coordination in me at such a young age that I find it easier and easier to learn new routines. This seems to go for other fields of dance as well. Ballet also guaranteed me a good posture that I remember to maintain everywhere I go,



Fifteen-year-old Cerinn Hwang.

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not just at the *barre*."

The teenager has already gained an impressive community following as an active student leader and entertainer. Hwang said she spends time in the studio at least three times a week.

"I always try to find a balance between academics and extra-curriculars by setting priorities and getting through my tasks one by one. Wasting time is a big no for me."

Besides being the substitute teacher at the Glushko Academy of Performing Arts, Hwang is a Tahitian dancer at Kanoa Resort and entertains audiences

at events like the annual Flame Tree Arts Festival and Taste of the Marianas.

She plans to pursue higher education at a university after high school, but said dancing will always be a part of her life.

"I'd love to be able to continue using dance as a means of service and entertainment that I can provide to others through art. I'd also like to continue dancing to stay fit."

As a quiet and shy 3-year-old, though, she wasn't initially sold on the idea of taking up ballet classes.

"I was so afraid of meeting new people and trying new things I actually cried the first day at the studio. But ballet

opened me up to a big world. Constantly exploring and experimenting, I immediately left my shyness behind and learned how to express myself through movement," she said. "Soon enough, ballet became more than simply twirling around onstage in tutus and *pointe* shoes. It became a way for me to communicate with the audience, other dancers, and most importantly, myself."

That then led the way to cultural Polynesian and Micronesian forms of dance, away from tradition ballet routines.

"Every time I heard the drum beats of a Tahitian *otea*, I would feel the *thump-thump* all the way inside," she said. "I really mean it when I say dancing is my life."



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A global obligation to Myanmar's Rohingya refugees

After watching for several weeks as refugees from Myanmar and Bangladesh drifted in crowded boats in the seas off Southeast Asia, begging for food and water, some dying along the way, the world is, finally, responding. Although they initially pushed away some of the boats, Malaysia and Indonesia are, at least temporarily, taking in some of the 7,000 to 8,000 migrants estimated to be at sea. Thailand, which has agreed to help but won't take in more survivors, will host a May 29 summit of Southeast Asian leaders to address the crisis. The U.S. government is offering maritime search and rescue assistance and has agreed to participate in a multinational resettlement effort.

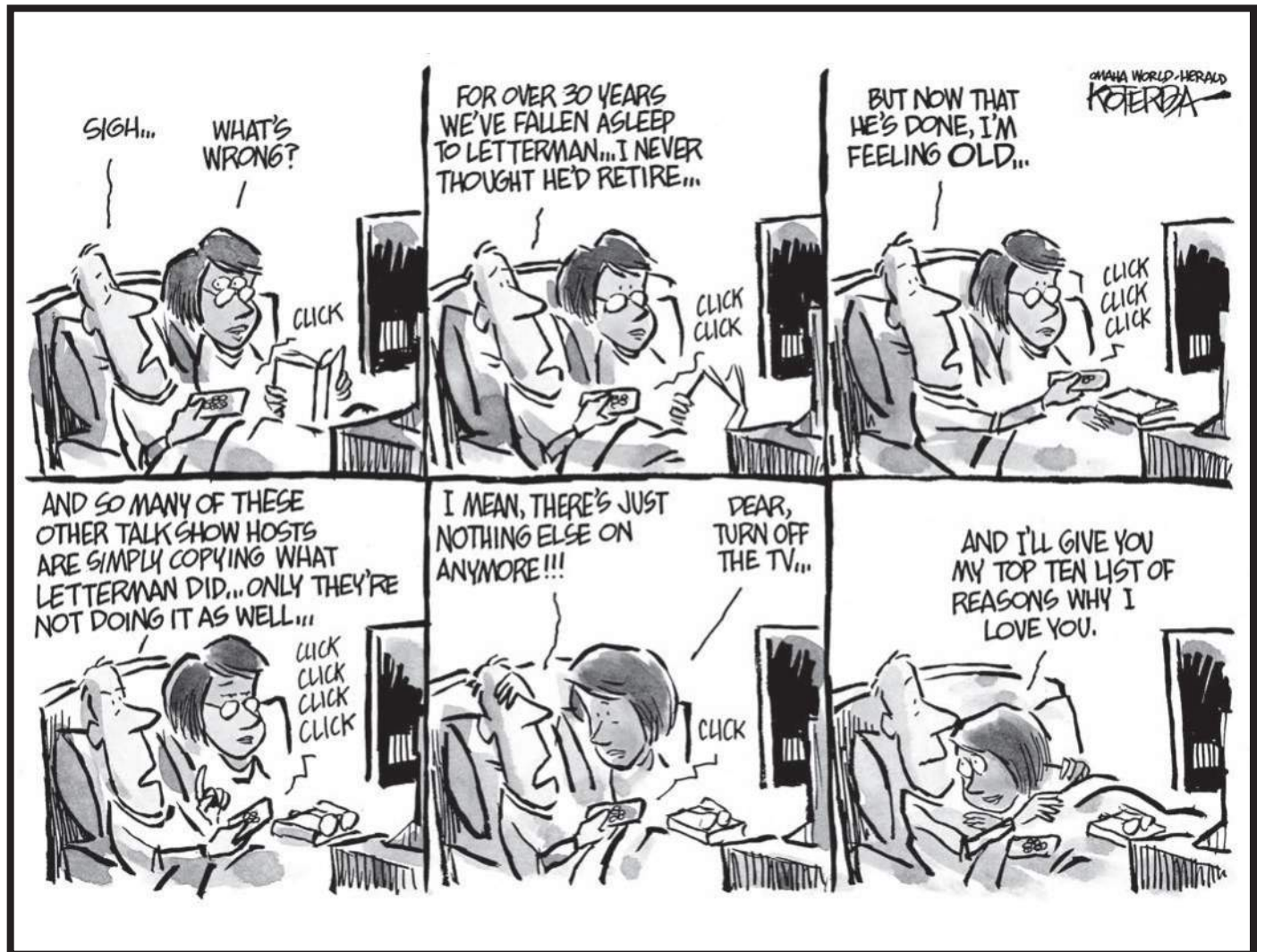
Resettling refugees is a global humanitarian obligation. Many of these countries, including the United States, have taken in refugees from that part of the world over the last several years. Now, unfortunately, some are balking. Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott—whose country is considered generous in receiving refugees—has refused to take in those who come by boat, telling reporters: “Nope, nope, nope.”

While Bangladeshis are fleeing poverty, the refugees from Myanmar are Rohingya Muslims trying to escape their country's shameful, long-standing persecution. A minority in a Buddhist-majority country, they have been subject to sectarian violence and denied rightful citizenship for decades. Most of the 1 million Rohingya live in Myanmar's western Rakhine state, and as many as 140,000 currently are in squalid displaced persons camps. The government, wrongfully, considers them illegal immigrants and won't even call them Rohingya, referring to them as Bengalis.

Recent pressure from world leaders, as well as a meeting between U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Antony Blinken and President Thein Sein, has resulted in Myanmar's government agreeing to send representatives to the May 29 summit. Officials reportedly agreed only after they were assured that refugees from Myanmar will not be referred to as Rohingya. That's ridiculous, but at least Myanmar will show up at the table.

The Obama administration restored diplomatic relations with Myanmar in recognition of its move away from military rule. But the administration has yet to budge the government on its treatment of the Rohingya. The U.S. must intensify its calls to reform laws governing them. It's also past time for Aung San Suu Kyi, Myanmar's icon of peace, now a member of the parliament, to use her moral authority to speak out on the current crisis and denounce her country's treatment of the Rohingya.

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Sailing over an affair

“Come have an affair with me,” Anheuser Busch’s Bud indulgently invites PIC dwellers. We pause for a self-indulgent column. We sail on a Micronesian affair. Not the irreverent Micronesian Love Affair band that sings the *Hot Leaky Butthole* song; we are not that self-indulgent! It is to the fresh free open air of Micronesia that is our affair.

I bumped into the *Saipan Tribune* editor with his friend in the parking lot. Introduced, she was kind enough to say that she reads our column. Ever a self-deprecating Oriental, I replied: “That’s three of us; it used to be four but my Mom at 95 now sleeps her days in a hospital.”

“You’re modest,” the new acquaintance retorts. She skips the obvious. I was not above fishing for a compliment. I quit writing February, one of the few occasions I’d keep the inkwell dry, thinking that I might do something else, but fate gave my plans a different twist. Coming back to Saipan for what I thought was a brief errand turned out to be the “something else.” The moratorium on writing lasted two weeks. I asked that my space be saved and picked up where I left off.

OK, we’re writing of the editor and I, but mostly of this peripatetic pedagogue who writes from many places with nary any feedback from local readers that precipitated the intent to quit. Meanwhile, Jayvee faithfully edits the paper.

A BoE member once told the Board: “JV writes so BoE members learn to use their dictionaries.” He was being funny. His son was in my 6th grade class at SVES so I listened well to what he had to say.

The self-indulgent flavor of this write-up comes from listening to feedbacks for two months, bumping into readers who quickly realize that the column photo is much younger than the unshaven real person in front of them.

The first comment of note was: “You use too many uncommon words so we have to look them up in the dictionary,” a lady intoned, “or we ignore it all together,” she sheepishly added, “and skip to the next article.”

“There’s not much in the papers these days but self-promotions, propaganda, laments, and complaints,” another said, “so your ornate style comes refreshingly different even when we do not agree with what you say.” She was kind enough not to suggest that self-promotion lies behind the florid flair.

Another father of a former student, the corporate office head of a local business concern, was effusive not only with the style of writing but also for the content. “Where do you come up with all the things you say?” he loudly wondered.

I was seated for a haircut when the barber looked at my face and decided that I looked familiar until I jogged his memory with mention of the ST Opinion page and he beamed a smile of recognition. He likes the historical allusions, he said.

On the first Saturday of the *Taste of Marianas*, the guy next to me

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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who lives in my village turned out to be cousin of my old publisher, the late JP. Retired from the CNMI government, he reads the column and I discovered a friend. A day later, a fisherman in the lagoon came up to me and introduced himself a reader.

A real estate developer approached me at T Galleria and inquired if I was the writer of this column. “That’s my brother,” I said, on the off chance he did not like my style. He was kind. “I’ve read everything you’ve written so I feel I know you well,” he added. I blushed.

The *coup d’grace* was an agent who asked for my driver’s license to document a complimentary local service. Fumbling for the license, she proceeded to process my papers, admonished me to bring my license the next time, and said: “I read your column so I know you are local!”

We do get written feedback online from outside the CNMI. I had three from HK in the last three years, the latest being a comment on the *Made in Saipan* piece on “birth tourism” where I called it Hong Kong’s “maternity tourism” extended to Saipan.

It is not the birth tourism per se that irks USCIS since it is perfectly legal as HK Playford Ramsey rightly noted in his *Letter to the Editor*, but the overstaying tourist who illegally waits out delivery of baby, intentionally overstays welcome with the connivance of host caregivers (presumed to have greased the skids of officialdom, not necessarily true but a common mainland China practice) that brews the stew.

I learned that a baby delivering tourists pay at least 140,000 *renminbi* each at source, about \$23,000, with only \$5,000 remitted to Saipan for mama’s care, to wait out the full term pregnancy, pay the medical cost of delivery and a 30-day post-partum recuperation, *yuezi*. Most of the collected funds remain in China! The Saipan expense is negligible of actual payment, and to inquire why the division of cost heavily favors the source might be a legitimate question. Upscale L.A. asks for \$80,000 per delivery!

While hashing this piece of immigration comic hiccup, I heard of readers’ notion that JV and Jayvee, the editor, are one—a mistake that is, at best, myrrh of parsley. So now, we formally announce that there are two guys on staff. JV is NOT Mr. Editor! That’s Jayvee. We will keep that straight, won’t we?

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Gi i fina` lehñgun sige hu arastreha haf` taimanu na mampos destrosiau i ekonomian i tanu`. Guaha ha` adelantu gi mediu ochenta siha na sakan lau dispues sumakadache` ya maliñgu.

Mapunu` industrian magagu guine balen \$2.1 biyon pesos gi sakan. I man-ma`gasta ti madefende i industria fuera ke matrata kulan lasarinu! Hu añañgoghuhon mohon na tapan satton prumutehe haf` gaige guine pot mampos paska ekonomian isla. Buente ni este ti makomprende ni man-sabiun I Deni guihe na tiempu.

Kuestion: Ngai`an na tiempu` nai siña hit manachu pot direcho-ta? Gi halom este na mattiru guaha prinipara-ta planu taimanu para ta esgaihon galaide`ta gi halom chubaskon taduñ na tasin appennas fondu? Estague` na mattiru` nai talili`e` fuetsan tomtum na kabisiyu. Lau ni este ti hulili`e` doku` maseha gi sanlagu.

Man-tinane` otru siha buskabida tat kumu maprohiben makana` saramata` famalao`an giya Garapan. Ke lau na ti ekonomia problema guine? Haf` na sige ha` maletke este na asuntu?

Adahe Parahiya-mu

Hagas ha estotba-yu` haf` tutuhon chetnot daibites. Sige hu guadog estate husoda` un` estadiu ni umesplika manu na gaige hale`ña.

I halom parahiya-ta guaha dos patte: I unu lumalagnos i naturat na asukat i otru umareregra kuantu na asukat para u guaha gi haga`ta. I naturat na asukat yumayamag todus asukat ginen kinano`ta. Ha rinueba fuetsata yan aregra chetnudan siha gi tatautau-ta. `Nai malañgu i pahariya-ta pumara man-lagnos naturat na asukat. Ti siña dispues mana` mamtu` i otru modun asukat para usu-ta.

Estague` `nai ha tutuhon bumula asukat ginen hiyuñgi gi halom haga`ta. `Nai timayamag este na asukat pues ha tutuhon chetnot daibites. Yangin inadite i tautau siempre umatai reñihioña, ma-utot patte gi adeñña yan nina`ye seriosu na chetnot korason.

Man-masoyu` i man-daibites para usuhaye asukat gi haf` makakanu` pot mas gatdun manadan asukat ginen hiyuñgi gi haga`ta. Dañosu este para reñihion kontodu korason-ta.

I matai parahiya tres pumupunu`: gaige gi haga`, chetnot ginen mafanana`an virus yan neñkanu`. Mauleg i sisteman hinemlu` guine umana` guaha estadiu para ta keli`e` manu gi tres umaminanasa i tautau-ta.

Hafa Asukat

Mauleg ta komprende na ti ayu ha` asukat i botsiyun siñku libra ni tafafahan gi tenda. Todu neñkanu` ni gai asientu asukat un` fafana`. Un` soda` asukat gi hinegsa`, todus ag`gun natibu, fina` mames yan gimen.

Makat na kontrariu gi sanhalom-ta `nai ti nina` mamtu` ni asukat naturat. Sige umetnon ya mama` mantika dispues ha sahañg-gue` gi entalu` tilipasta yan lugan gugat korason-ta. Poresu na dañosu gi ayu siha mas i esta man-nina`ye daibites.

Gi todus pot hinemlo`mu hagu kapitan ennau na galaide`. Chogue haf` propiu ya un` fanague lokue` famaguon-mu man-homlu` siha na pinetsige deste neñkanu` yan eksisiu.

`Nai sala` i chetnot

Sumen makat para i malañgu yan familia`nai mattu guihe na puntu`nai ti amtiyun esta i chetnot. Taya` mana`e familia fuera ke tiempu.

Kada un` atan papa` gi katren hospitat malañgu-mu nina`e` sin-siyu na agradesimientu pot setbisio-mu. Esta un` u`upus i lañget gi tinayuyot-mu ginagau ayudu gi Saina.

Un` makat na finapos gi maseha haye na famlia. Inestotba katma na patte gi hinassomu pot dumeskansaña i malañgu yan futunan famaguoña deste ayu na ha`ane.

Magahet na tatmas ke inañgoghuhon gi Saina gi taimanu pinegaña deste tutuhon i tanu`. Este ha` na gasgas sadog `nai sessuyu` lumi-

By **JOHN DELROSARIO**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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betta pot fresku yan sumen na`katma inkabukau na atburotu siha.

Patman Kanai-mu

Todus finas-ta, hita solamismu dumispopone ha`anita. Hita i kapitan galaide`ta. Todu disision debi u fattu ginen hita mismu. Achog pot hinemlu` hita ennau na disposision siña dumiside dibuenamente.

Gaige gi patman kanaimu hinemlo`mu yan familiamu. Pasensiaye ya un` rikohe i tropa ya in` fan hamyu regulat na eksisiun familia man-mamokat gi safu na lugat. Apagat i tropa sustansian man-homlu` siha na sentada ya in` fanhamyu fumatinas.

I patgon ni mafana`gue pot ginasgas yan hinemlu` siempre ha tuñgu`gue` umadahe yan muna` asentadu gi kareraña. Chetton ennau na finana`gue giya guiya. Tutuhon pa`gu! Ni u falag manu siempre asentadu moduña.

I lamasan sena `nai mas obra i dos saina man-adiñgan yan famaguon niha. Mauleg na dinaña ni matutuhon gi hilu` tinayuyot. Chegue este pot fitme na dinaña` familia. Gaige todus disposision gi dos patman kanai miyu.

■ ■ ■

Mamomokat un` patgon gi kanton iya hame. `Nai hali`e` un` taisinahuan na lata ha hoka ya ha pega gi sagan basula. Sin matagu` ha chogue haf` mauleg. Anog na malulog mauleg ni mañainaña. Ha komprende haf` areglu yan ginasgas.

No kitten: Now is the time to spay and neuter

By **LINDSAY POLLARD-POST**
PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

The kittens are coming. In many parts of the country, they're already here, a result of spring's longer days, which shift a cat's breeding cycle into overdrive. One animal shelter in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., reported taking in 18 kittens younger than 2 months old on a recent Sunday, including five who were less than 2 weeks old and still nursing. At a shelter in Oakland, Calif., the number of kittens being surrendered is 38 percent higher than it was a year ago. Shelters in Florida's Broward and Palm Beach counties reportedly took in nearly 9,000 kittens and cats from April through July of last year.

There aren't anywhere near enough good homes available for all of these kittens—or for the countless adult cats already waiting in shelters—which is why it's so important to snip this problem in the bud by spaying and neutering cats now.

Cats are prolific breeders, and many people who delay having their feline companion spayed are surprised to discover that their kitten has become a mother herself. Female cats can go into heat every two to three weeks and can become pregnant at as young as 4 months of age—

which is why early spaying is a must. Cats can even become pregnant again while they are still nursing kittens—enabling a single cat to give birth to multiple litters over the course of just one season. During a span of seven years, one unaltered female cat and her offspring can give birth to a staggering 370,000 kittens.

These births are far from joyous occasions. Mother cats eking out a meager existence on the streets have nowhere safe to bring their kittens into the world. After searching frantically for a nesting spot, many cats give birth under porches or sheds, in the back of someone's garage, in abandoned buildings or even in drainage pipes. Kittens born on the streets face the same short, hard lives as their mothers.

One tiny kitten who was only about a week old was already suffering from ear mites, fleas, worms, anemia and an upper respiratory infection when PETA's fieldworkers came to the rescue. Three other kittens had such severe upper respiratory infections that their eyes had ulcerated, causing them to go blind. According to a study published in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, 75 percent of free-roaming kittens disappear or die—most by trauma—before they turn 6 months old. Kittens who survive long enough will inevitably mate and have litters of their own, perpetuating the cycle of homelessness and suffering.

Luckier kittens end up in animal shelters, but most shelters are already scrambling to accommodate the endless stream of homeless cats and dogs coming through their doors every day. The surge of new kittens means that other animals—often sweet senior cats who have been overlooked—must be euthanized in order to make room for the newcomers. And with so many kittens flooding shelters, there's no guarantee that even the cutest ones will be adopted. Every day, shelter workers have the heart-crushing task of euthanizing animals whose lives have just begun because the animals are abundant and adopters are few.

So please, if you've heard your neighbor's cat howling at night in search of a mate, get permission to have him or her sterilized, and encourage your neighbor to keep the cat indoors. If there's a stray hanging around your back door, take him or her to a shelter right away. And, for the love of kittens, if you've been meaning to make an appointment to have your own feline friend spayed or neutered but just haven't gotten around to it, don't delay—get that cat fixed today.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A thankful Memorial Day

I am thankful for Memorial Day. In my youth I always looked forward to it because it meant the end of another school year, and our family's annual trip to put flowers on my grandfather's grave. My grandfather was a World War I veteran, who very likely died early due to injuries he suffered in the war. He wrote in his journal about manning a cannon for almost 48 hours straight; and at one point he thought his life was over when he saw German infantrymen rushing his position. His life was saved when U.S. infantrymen rushed between him and the Germans. All of us enjoy the freedoms we have because of men and women who, like the infantrymen who risked their lives to save my grandfather, put themselves between us and people who would do us harm and take our freedoms.

My brother called me a month ago saying that my dad would likely be passing on soon as his heart and lungs were failing. Two days ago, I talked with my mom who was disappointed because this would be the first Memorial Day in their 58 years of marriage when they would not be putting flowers on my grandfather's grave, be-

cause my dad was just too weak to make the trip. Well, this morning on my Facebook was a picture of my dad sitting in the car watching family members putting flowers on the graves of his parents. Seems like it will take more than a failing heart and lungs to keep him from his Memorial Day tradition.

I am thankful that my dad wrote a biography about his dad, so that I could know him even though I never met him. I am thankful to the people who shared their stories at the Man'Amko Memorial Day Memories program, as they keep the memories alive to be passed on to future generations. I am thankful for our elders, who are sharing their wisdom, knowledge, and understanding with the younger generation, through stories and hands-on learning, leaving them with a culture that they will, some day, be passing on to another generation.

Valrick Welch
San Vicente, Saipan

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds around 10 mph.

▲86° ▼77°

FRIDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds around 10 mph.

▲86° ▼77°

SATURDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°

SUNDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°

MONDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image

PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A frontal system southeast of Okinawa is causing widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms along and up to 300 miles northwest of a line from 20N130E to 25N145E. A weak monsoon trough extends northeastward from 8N130E through a disturbance northwest of Chuuk centered near 11N150E then curves southeastward to end at about 3N155E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms northeast of Chuuk are within 50 miles of a line from 11N153E to 8N157E and near the equator south of 2N from 140E to 151E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers in patchy areas from near Pohnpei across the Marshall Islands between 6N and 11N from 158E to 175E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲85	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼78
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲60	▼51
Beijing	Showers	▲77	▼64
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Honolulu	Showers	▲82	▼70
London	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼49
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲79	▼61
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90	▼78
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲62	▼48
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼75
New York	Thundershowers	▲85	▼66
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼68
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼52
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼63
Rome	Sunny	▲77	▼57
Salem	Sunny	▲84	▼55
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲59	▼52
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼63
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲88	▼67
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼71

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Saipan Harbor			
4:37 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
11:33 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
5:20 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
10:55 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:47 AM	6:43 PM
Friday	5:47 AM	6:43 PM
Saturday	5:47 AM	6:43 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:43 PM
Monday	5:47 AM	6:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	2:09 PM	1:45 AM
Friday	2:56 PM	2:24 AM
Saturday	3:45 PM	3:03 AM
Sunday	4:35 PM	3:44 AM
Monday	5:27 PM	4:28 AM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 28, 2015														
DEPARTURES						ARRIVALS								
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)						GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN								
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily			UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily					
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3			UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3					
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7			UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7					
UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota			UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7					
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5			UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota					
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4			UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5					
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5			UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5					
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7			UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7					
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5			UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5					
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)						GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)								
UA5039	2:15pm	2:50pm	6, 7			UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4					
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)						ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN								
UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7			UA5038	2:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4					
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)						PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN								
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT			DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT					
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN								
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6			DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily					
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily			DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7					
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN								
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1			7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7					
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			7C3402	10:55am	4:25pm	3, 5, 6					
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 5, 6, 7			OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7					
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	3, 4			OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6					
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7			7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily					
7C3401	5:25pm	9:10pm	3, 5, 6											
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)						BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN								
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7			OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6					
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN								
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7			3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7					
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)						BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN								
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7			MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6					
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)						GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN								
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6			3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5					
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN								
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN			DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT					
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM					
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM			OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN					
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM			OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN					
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM			PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM					
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM			PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM					
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT			UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM					
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM			UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:45pm+1	6 via GUM					
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM			UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota					
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM			UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	4, 7 via GUM					
UA5039/183	2:15pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM			UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM					
UA5038/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM			UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM					
UA5078/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM			UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM					
UA5078/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM			UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM					
UA5038/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM			UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM					
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)						HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN								
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN			OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN					
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN					
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM			UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM					
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM			UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:45pm+1	5, 6 via GUM					
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UA5039/179	2:15pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM			UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM					
UA5078/179	3:05pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM											

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T Galleria wins again at this year's Corporate Challenge



T Galleria celebrates their first place finish at this year's Corporate Challenge.

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The 14th annual Corporate Challenge was held last Sunday, May 24, 2015, at the Minachom Atdao, Susupe, with 14 teams from 13 companies competing in various games to build teamwork and to earn the title of Corporate Challenge winner.

The sunny morning began with a dance/jingle from each company. Pacific Trading Co. danced and swayed to *My Marianas* music. Hyatt Regency Saipan showed their spirit in *All About The Bass* with funk and attitude. T Galleria employees shook their booties with the Saipanda, a fire dancer, and a bear mascot. Dickerson & Quinn rapped their rhythm. Coca-Cola

was out in full force with two lead singers, props, and lyrics scripted just for our Corporate Challenge. IT&E promoted great wireless service with island charm. Delta Management's pride of their customer service excellence was evident

» 14 company teams participate

in their "best day of my life." The dances started the day with laughter and fun.

Games included some Minute-To-Win-It ideas. Contestants had to transfer mini marshmallows with chopsticks and also transfer cotton balls with their noses! The next team race required the teams to carry a wet towel but since the rain had arrived for a short while, the wa-

ter seemed to fit nicely into the theme of the game.

The event was emceed by Zachariah and Crystal Johnson, and loads of photos taken by Ramy Salcedo have been uploaded to the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Facebook page, www.facebook.com/saipanchamber.

SAPARC sponsored the DJ (Soundhire) so that the entire group enjoyed music in between events. The Saipan Mayor's Office assisted with trash removal and with preparing the venue for the event.

Many of the company teams—Docomo Pacific, Triple J, MarPac, and Fiesta Resort & Spa—have participated in past years, and enjoyed the

day with barbecues and employee camaraderie.

Although Coca-Cola was pumped and ready to steal back the title for Spirit Award (they lost last year to Delta Management), the team from Hyatt Regency edged both of them and took home the trophy. Delta Management finished with a solid 57 points for second place and won fabulous prizes. T Galleria finished in first place for the second year in a row with 63 total points. It was a tough competition but a very fun day!

The Chamber was thrilled to have Strategic Gaming Solutions (Club C) join for the first time, and to welcome back D&Q,

Bank of Guam, and Pacific Trading. Some member companies—Pacific Islands Club, Saipan Shipping, Cargo Express, and CUC—donated to the event but were unable to participate.

Chamber president Alex Sablan and board members Mable Ayuyu and Nida Falconit were amazing as judges for each activity. They donated their personal time to score each race and activity according to the rubrics provided.

Prizes were generously donated by Marianas Pacific Distributors, Pacific Trading, T Galleria, Club C, Kanoa Resort, Taga Pacific Inc., Take Care Insurance, Fiesta Resort

and Spa, IT&E, Coca-Cola, Marianas Business Plaza, Hard Rock Café, Hyatt, and Saipan World Resort.

The Chamber is grateful to all of our member businesses for their generous support and participation in our events, and we look forward to another amazing Corporate Challenge in 2016!

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit organization with over 155 member businesses. The office is located at the Marianas Business Plaza Suite 315, third floor. Call 234-7150 or e-mail coordinator@saipanchamber.com for more information or visit www.saipanchamber.com. (SCC)

Program to highlight 'Samoan Exiles on Saipan' next month

A nearly forgotten chapter of local history will be highlighted during an upcoming public program hosted by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council next month.

"Samoan Exiles on Saipan, 1909-1915," scheduled for June 17-20, will explore the events and personalities associated with the exile of 10 Samoan chiefs and their families to Saipan during the German administration.

These chiefs, led by the orator Lauaki Namulau'ulu Mamoe, were banished from Samoa due to their involvement in the *Mau a Pule* (Opinion of Pule), an indigenous resistance movement that sought to reinstate traditional chiefly authority banned by the German colonial government in the late 19th century.

The program will feature public presentations, the dedication of historical markers, oral history interviews, and a special ceremony hosted by Saipan's Samoan community.

There will be two presentations. The first, scheduled for the evening of Thursday, June 18, will feature a talk by Dr. Malama Meleisea covering the *Mau a Pule*. Meleisea is the director of the Center for Samoan Studies at the National University of Samoa.

The second presentation, scheduled for the evening of Friday, June 19, will focus on the youngest of the exiled chiefs, Iiga Pisa, who gained fame by undertaking a 120-mile voyage from Saipan to Guam in a traditional Samoan paddling canoe. This presentation will be made by a senior representative of the late chief's family.

Both presentations start at 6pm at the Visitors Center Theater, American Memorial Park. They are free and open to the public.

The program will also include the dedication of two interpretive signs marking sites associated with the exile's six-year stay on Saipan; one just north of

Lower Base and the second at Agingan Beach.

Activities will conclude with a special ceremony on June 20 hosted by members of Saipan's Samoan community who have been planning the event in conjunction with the Humanities Council for the past few months.

A longer-term goal of the program is the preparation of a booklet that provides a history of the exiles that may be used by the Public School System and Northern Marianas College.

This booklet will include information from both written and oral historical sources and illustrated with period photographs. The council hopes to complete this publication by early next year.

For more information about this upcoming program check the council's website at www.northernmarianashumanities.org or call Council staff at 235-4785. (NMI Humanities Council)



Delta Management wins second place at this year's Corporate Challenge.

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Hyatt Regency Saipan celebrates after being presented with the Spirit Award.

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Samoan exiles aboard the German warship *SMS Jaguar* in April 1909 just before departing for Saipan. Included in this photo are Lauaki Namulau'ulu Mamoe, standing with staff, and Iiga Pisa, seated at far left.

Business

Amtrak to install cameras in locomotives

WASHINGTON (AP)—Amtrak said Tuesday it will install video cameras inside locomotive cabs to record the actions of train engineers, a move that follows a deadly derailment earlier this month in which investigators are searching for clues to the train engineer's actions before the crash.

The Amtrak engineer, Brandon Bostian, suffered a head injury in the accident in Philadelphia and has told investigators he can't remember what happened. Northeast Regional train 188 accelerated to a speed of 106 miles per hour in the last minute before entering a curve where it derailed. The speed limit for the curve is 50 mph. The crash left eight people dead and about 200 injured.

The train was equipped with a "black box" data recorder

and an outward-facing camera focused on the track ahead, but neither of those devices reveals what was happening inside the cab.

The National Transportation Safety Board has been recommending that the Federal Railroad Administration require passenger and freight train cabs to have audio recorders since the late 1990s. They revised that recommendation five years ago to include inward-facing sound and video recorders.

Railroad administration officials say they support use of the cameras. In the past year, the agency has told the NTSB that it intends to propose regulations requiring the cameras. However, no regulations have been proposed and it typically takes federal agencies many months, if not

years, to move from proposals to final regulations.

Joseph Boardman, the railroad's president and CEO, said Amtrak has supported efforts by a railroad administration safety advisory committee made up of industry and labor representatives to come up with standards for the cameras. The committee has yet to issue recommendations.

"We've been supporting it all the way along," he told reporters in a telephone briefing. "It's just a matter of working out some of those details. ... There may be some adjustments we have to make later down the road, but I think it's time to do it and I'm doing it."

Besides accident investigations, Amtrak will review the recordings to monitor engineers' actions, Boardman said.

Taco Bell, Pizza Hut: Artificial ingredients getting booted

NEW YORK (AP)—Taco Bell and Pizza Hut say they're getting rid of artificial colors and flavors, making them the latest big food companies scrambling to distance themselves from ingredients people might find unappealing.

Instead of "black pepper flavor," for instance, Taco Bell will start using actual black pepper in its seasoned beef, says Liz Matthews, the chain's chief food innovation officer.

The Mexican-style chain also says the artificial dye Yellow No. 6 will be removed from its nacho cheese, Blue No. 1 will be removed from its avocado ranch dressing and carmine, a bright pigment, will be removed from its red tortilla strips.

Matthews said some of the new recipes are being tested in select markets and should be in stores nationally by the end of the year.

The country's biggest food makers are facing pressure from smaller rivals that position themselves as more wholesome alternatives. Chipotle in particular has found success in marketing itself as an antidote to traditional fast food. In April, Chipotle announced it had removed genetically modified organisms from its food, even though the Food and Drug Administration says GMOs are safe.

Critics say the purging of chemicals is a response to unfounded fears over ingredients, but companies are nevertheless rushing to ensure their recipes don't become disadvantages. In recent months, restaurant chains including Panera, McDonald's and Subway have said they're switching recipes for one or more products to use ingredients people can more easily recognize.

John Coupland, a professor of food science at Penn State University, said companies are realizing some ingredients may not be worth the potential harm they might cause to their images, given changing attitudes about additives.

Additionally, he noted that the removal of artificial ingredients can be a way for companies to give their food a healthy glow without making meaningful changes to their nutritional profiles. For instance, Coupland said reducing salt, sugar or portion sizes would have a far bigger impact on public health.

Taco Bell and Pizza Hut are owned by Yum Brands Inc., which had hinted the changes would be on the way. At a conference for investors late last year, Yum CEO Greg Creed referred to the shifting attitudes and the desire for "real food" as a revolution in the industry.

Charter buying Time Warner Cable as TV viewers go online

NEW YORK (AP)—As TV watchers increasingly look online for their fix, cable companies are bulking up. In the latest round, Charter Communications is buying Time Warner Cable for \$55.33 billion.

And executives say they're confident regulators will allow the creation of another U.S. TV and Internet giant.

The deal comes a month after Comcast, the country's largest cable provider and owner of NBCUniversal, walked away from a \$45.2 billion bid for Time Warner Cable, the No. 2 cable company, after intense pressure from regulators. The government worried that the company would be able to undermine increasingly popular online video competitors like Netflix because the bigger Comcast would have more than half the country's high-

speed Internet customers.

There has been a wave in consolidation in the cable industry as providers are starting to lose TV subscribers, costs for TV, sports and movies rise and pressure from online video services such as Netflix and Hulu increases. The traditional cable ecosystem is breaking up—for example, you can subscribe to HBO online without having to pay for cable, or pay for a smaller group of channels that you watch via a Sony PlayStation.

Getting bigger is one way to deal with those changes. It gives cable providers more lucrative Internet subscribers and more leverage against entertainment companies providing the channels.

Whether government regulators will approve the Charter deal after quashing Comcast's

bid for Time Warner Cable remains to be seen. Charter also announced Tuesday that it is buying Bright House Networks, a smaller cable provider, for \$10.4 billion.

In a statement Tuesday, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler said that the FCC weighs every merger on its own to see if it will be in the public interest, and that "an absence of harm is not sufficient." He said the FCC "will look to see how American consumers would benefit" from the deal.

Charter notes that it will have less than 30 percent of the customers in the U.S. that the FCC defines as broadband: Those downloading at 25 megabit-per-second and faster. Comcast plus Time Warner Cable would have had more than half of those subscribers.

Nation

Floodwaters deepen in much of Texas

HOUSTON (AP)—Floodwaters deepened across much of Texas on Tuesday as storms dumped almost a foot more of rain on the Houston area, stranding hundreds of motorists and inundating the famously congested highways that serve the nation's fourth-largest city.

Meanwhile, the search went on for about a dozen people who were still missing, including a group that disappeared after a vacation home was swept down a river and slammed into a bridge.

Several more fatalities were reported—four in Houston and four more in Central Texas. That brought to 17 the number of people killed by the holiday weekend storms in Texas and Oklahoma.

Similar search efforts unfolded just south of the Texas-Mexico border, where crews tried to track down the missing and assessed damage in the city of Ciudad Acuna after a tornado killed 13 people Monday.

In Houston, the water rose sharply overnight as about 11 more inches of rain fell,

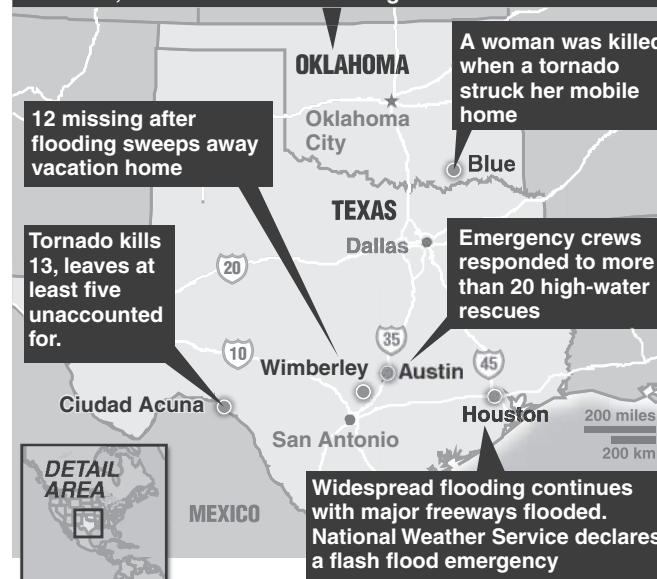
Cleveland, US Justice Department announce police settlement

CLEVELAND (AP)—Cleveland agreed to sweeping changes in how its police officers use force, treat the community and deal with the mentally ill, under a settlement announced Tuesday with the federal government that will put the 1,500-member department under an independent monitor.

The settlement was made public three days after a white Cleveland patrolman was acquitted of manslaughter for his role in a 137-shot barrage of police gunfire that left two

Deadly weather pounds the South

The Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management reported four fatalities between Saturday and Monday across the state, which saw severe flooding



Source: AP
Graphic: Staff, TNS

much of it in a six-hour period. By Tuesday evening, most rivers had receded back within their banks.

The floodwaters affected virtually every part of the city and paralyzed some areas. Firefighters carried out more than 500 water rescues, most involving stranded motorists.

At least 2,500 vehicles were abandoned by drivers seeking higher ground, officials said.

"Given the magnitude and how quickly it happened, in such a short period of time, I've never seen this before," said Rick Flanagan, Houston's emergency management coordinator.

unarmed black suspects dead in a car in 2012.

Mayor Frank Jackson said the ambitious plan that was worked out over five months of negotiations with the U.S. Justice Department will be expensive and will take years to put in place. But he said he sees it as a chance to set an example for other cities.

The proposed reforms come amid tension around the U.S. over a string of cases in which blacks died at the hands of police.

"As we move forward, it is my strong belief that as other cities across this country address and look at their police issues in their communities, they will be able to say, 'Let's look at Cleveland because Cleveland has done it right,'" Jackson said.

In December, after an 18-month investigation prompted in part by the 2012 shooting, the Justice Department issued a scathing report accusing Cleveland police of a pattern of excessive force and other abuses.

ACROSS THE NATION

Police: US airman shoots Wal-Mart workers, kills self

A U.S. airman "with no apparent motive" walked into a Wal-Mart Supercenter in North Dakota early Tuesday and opened fire with a handgun, killing one worker and injuring a second before turning the gun on himself, police said. Grand Forks police said the shooting a few minutes after 1 a.m. may have been random, with no link yet found between Marcell Willis, 21, and either the store or the employees. Willis was stationed at Grand Forks Air Force Base, about a dozen miles west of the city. "We've not been able to find any linkage to him and any of the victims," police Lt. Derik Zimmel said at an afternoon news conference. "There's no apparent motive that jumps out at this

time." Authorities didn't immediately identify the two workers who were shot or a third worker they say Willis shot at but missed. The injured person was taken to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks with a gunshot wound that was not believed to be life-threatening, Zimmel said. An Altru spokeswoman said the person was in satisfactory condition Tuesday afternoon. (AP)

Obama urges Senate to renew phone-records program

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama called on the Senate Tuesday to extend key Patriot Act provisions before they expire five days from now, including the government's ability to search Americans' phone records. "This needs to get done," he told reporters in the Oval Office. "It's

necessary to keep the American people safe and secure." But with the May 31 deadline fast approaching, there was scant evidence Tuesday of a search for a deal on Capitol Hill. The House and Senate stood in recess for the week, and a House GOP leadership aide said there were no talks happening between the two chambers. The aide spoke on condition of anonymity, because the aide was not authorized to discuss the issue on the record. The Senate adjourned for its Memorial Day break early Saturday after a chaotic late-night session during which senators failed to pass a White House-backed House bill reforming the phone collection program. Attempts by GOP leaders to extend current law also repeatedly fell short, amid objections from presidential candidate Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., and others.

Asia

Macau's new wave of lavish resorts

MACAU (AP)—Macau is doubling down even as the odds change. The world's casino capital this week welcomes the first of a new wave of lavish casino resorts for its up-and-coming Cotai Peninsula.

It's a \$20 billion bet by casino operators amid an extended losing streak in the tiny Chinese enclave. Gambling revenue growth has been falling for nearly a year as wealthy mainland Chinese high-rollers stay home as a result of President Xi Jinping's corruption crackdown.

Macau's casino operators are undaunted. None have backed off their expansion plans which will unfold over the next two years, sticking to a belief that the downturn is temporary and the decline in VIPs will bottom out soon.

They're also optimistic Beijing's support for Macau's long term development from a seedy, vice-ridden backwater into a glitzy Asian destination will draw a growing numbers of middle class families from across the region looking for more than just gambling.

"Our strategy remains unchanged," Las Vegas Sands Corp. CEO Sheldon Adelson told analysts last month.

Macau's upcoming casino resorts:

GALAXY

Hong Kong real estate tycoon Lui Che-woo's Galaxy Entertainment Group is set to cut the ribbon on its \$2.8 billion expansion. The company's massive gold-tinted Southeast Asian-inspired complex adds a third hotel tower and new aquatic attractions including a 575-meter adventure river ride, which joins an existing wave pool. Across the street, via an air-conditioned footbridge, is its revamped Broadway Macau hotel and entertainment center. It includes a replica of a traditional street market stocked with hawker food stalls, street performers and a 3,000-seat theatre for live shows.

STUDIO CITY

Melco Crown Entertainment embraces Hollywood and Batman with its \$3.2 billion Art Deco-style resort. CEO Lawrence Ho, son of longtime Macau casino tycoon Stanley Ho, en-

listed A-listers Robert De Niro and Leonardo DiCaprio for a promo film directed by Martin Scorsese. The Golden Eye ferris wheel straddles the hotel's two wings 130 feet (40 meters) up, making it the highest in Asia. The design was inspired by two asteroids shooting through a Gotham City building, according to a press statement. There's also a Batman virtual reality ride and a nightclub modeled on those in the Mediterranean club capital of Ibiza.

WYNN PALACE

U.S. casino mogul Steve Wynn boasts that his \$4.1 billion Wynn Palace will be the place for pictures and selfies when it opens next year. Guests will ride air-conditioned gondolas 30 feet (nine meters) over an artificial lake to the front door. "In a few months when we fill the lake and turn on the fountains, and the gondolas start to flow, it will be the photo-op in China, just as the Bellagio was" in Las Vegas, Wynn told analysts in an earnings call last month. "It will be the photo-op in China. There's never been a hotel at this scale in Macau." VIP gambling rooms will have terraces looking out onto the lake, allowing gamblers to easily step outside for cigarette breaks, the billionaire said. That could give the company an edge over rivals for mainland Chinese gamblers, known for their penchant for puffing, as the government restricts smoking on casino floors, Wynn said.

SANDS

Sands' Chinese arm adds to its portfolio of faux-European resorts in the former Portuguese colony with a half-scale replica of the Eiffel Tower. The \$2.7 billion, 3,000-room Parisian sits next to Sands' flagship property in the Chinese enclave, the giant Venetian Macao, which itself is a replica of Venice. The Paris theme is a canny marketing move for Sands, given the popularity of France as a travel destination among mainland China's growing ranks of newly affluent. A shopping mall replicates the feel of the City of Light's boulevards, with sidewalk cafes, bistros and 130 boutiques divided up into areas named after the Avenue des Champs Elysees and other districts.

MGM COTAI

One of Macau's smaller players, MGM Resorts International makes its Cotai debut next year with a \$3 billion casino resort. Little has been revealed about the project, which will have 1,500 hotel rooms and looks like a collection of multi-hued building blocks stacked on top of each other with squarish patterns overlaid on the facade. MGM's Macau business operates one other casino in Macau's older, crowded peninsula.

LOUIS XIII

Macau's most exclusive resort is being developed by one of its most flamboyant tycoons. The Louis XIII is billed as an "ultra-luxury destination" aimed at the richest of the rich. Elevators will open directly onto each of its 200 suites, including the 30,000-square foot (2,790-square meter) Royal Villa that will go for \$130,000 a night. The hotel will be wrapped in a crimson facade with a 20-meter imitation diamond perched at the top. To ferry guests around, the hotel bought a fleet of 30 Rolls Royce Phantom limos for \$20 million, making it the British carmaker's biggest ever single order. Former investment banker Stephen Hung, the ostentatious tycoon behind the \$1.5 billion project, named it after the French king who began the Palace of Versailles site as a hunting lodge. Hung hired a Bourbon princess descended from Louis XIII to be an adviser.

LISBOA PALACE

A four-decade monopoly allowed Stanley Ho's SJM to dominate Macau's casino industry until the market was opened to other players in 2002. The company was slow in expanding into Cotai, Asia's version of the Las Vegas Strip, and is now racing to catch up with its first project there, the \$3.9 billion Lisboa Palace, set for a 2017 opening. The project is clearly aiming at wealthy mainland Chinese and their preference for upscale European luxury brands with designer hotels by Versace and Karl Lagerfeld, each with 270 rooms. The resort's architectural style will combine influences from Parisian landmarks such as the Louvre with Chinese elements such as dragons, phoenixes and peach blossoms.

Sweltering temperatures in India leave 750 dead in 5 weeks

HYDERABAD, India (AP)—More than 750 people have died in southern India since the middle of April as soaring summer temperatures scorch the country, officials said Tuesday.

The southeastern states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have been hit the hardest.

More than 550 people have died from the unrelenting heat in

Andhra Pradesh since May 13, state Deputy Chief Minister Nimmakayala Chinna Rajappa said.

A top state official in Telangana, Bhambal Ram Meena, said about 215 heat-related deaths have been reported since April 15.

Daily temperatures in both states have hit between 45 and 48 degrees Celsius (113 and 118 degrees Fahrenheit). Offi-

cials have urged people to stay hydrated and remain indoors as much as possible.

Blistering hot, dry winds have also swept across most parts of north and central India, wilting plants and forcing people to avoid the outdoors. In the cities, large crowds of office workers gather around stalls selling cold fruit drinks.

World

Group: Hamas tortured, killed Palestinians in 2014 Gaza war



In this Dec. 14, 2014, file photo, masked Palestinian gunmen of the Hamas militant group stand during a rally to commemorate the 27th anniversary of the group in Gaza City. AP

JERUSALEM (AP)—A leading international watchdog on Wednesday accused the militant Hamas group of abducting, torturing and killing Palestinians during the war in the Gaza Strip last year, saying some of the actions amount to war crimes.

Amnesty International detailed the abuses in a report entitled "Strangling Necks": Abduction, torture and summary killings of Palestinians by Hamas forces during the 2014 Gaza/Israel conflict."

According to the London-based human rights group, some 23 Palestinians were shot and killed and dozens more were ar-

rested and tortured by Hamas, which rules Gaza. The Palestinians targeted were either political rivals of Hamas, including members of the Fatah party of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, or people the militant group had accused of cooperating with Israel, Amnesty said.

Wednesday's report highlighted a particularly brutal incident, which it said took place in Gaza on Aug. 22.

"In one of the most shocking incidents, six men were publicly executed by Hamas forces outside al-Omari mosque ... in front of hundreds of spectators, including children," Amnesty

said. Hamas had announced the men were suspected "collaborators" who had been sentenced death in "revolutionary courts," the rights group added.

"The hooded men were dragged along the floor to kneel by a wall facing the crowd, then each man was shot in the head individually before being sprayed with bullets fired from an AK-47," the report said of the August incident.

Hamas violently seized Gaza from forces loyal to Abbas in 2007, leaving Palestinians bitterly divided—Hamas ruling Gaza and Abbas governing parts of the West Bank.

Iraq begins operation to oust Islamic State from Anbar

BAGHDAD (AP)—Iraq vowed Tuesday to retake Anbar province—now mostly held by the Islamic State—by launching a large-scale military operation less than two weeks after suffering a humiliating defeat at the hands of the extremists in the provincial capital of Ramadi.

The operation, which Iraqi state TV said was backed by Shiite militias and Sunni pro-government fighters, is deemed critical in regaining momentum in the fight.

But as a sandstorm descended across the region, there was no sign of any major engagement against the extremists, who have been gaining ground in the province west of Baghdad despite U.S.-led airstrikes.

A Pentagon spokesman, Col. Steve Warren, said Iraqi forces have begun "shaping operations" and "security zone interactions," which he described as probing and reconnaissance actions that would precede any major

combat in or around Ramadi.

The Iraqis have begun moving forward from their base at Habbaniyah, and IS fighters likewise are probing in the direction of Habbaniyah, Warren said. He added that he could not confirm that the Iraqi forces have surrounded Ramadi.

The Islamic State—also known by the acronyms ISIS and ISIL, and Daesh in Arabic—seized large parts of Anbar in early 2014 and captured Ramadi earlier in May.

WORLD BRIEFS

Gaza militants fire rocket at Israel; no casualties reported

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—Israeli fighter jets carried out airstrikes in the Gaza Strip early Wednesday just hours after a rocket was fired at southern Israel, an Israeli military spokesman said. Israeli Defense Forces spokesman Lt. Col. Peter Lerner said the airstrikes targeted "four terror infrastructures" in the southern Gaza Strip. The airstrikes were in response to an attack Tuesday night in which a rocket was launched at Israeli territory from the Gaza Strip, Lerner said. The rocket hit an open area in the Lakhish regional council, and no injuries were reported, he said. Sirens wailed in several southern Israeli communities at the time of the attack. Earlier, a Hamas official said that unknown militants in the Gaza Strip fired at least one rocket at Israel. The official spoke on condition of anonymity as he wasn't authorized to brief journalists about the fired rocket.

Nigeria paying \$800M to oil suppliers to end crisis

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)—Nigeria's outgoing government has agreed to pay a debt of \$800 million to resolve a months-long fuel crisis crippling the economy days before the inauguration of a new president in the country, oil suppliers said Wednesday. Chaos reigned Tuesday at Nigerian airports where most flights were cancelled. Foreign airlines flew to other African countries to refuel. Cars and other vehicles formed queues two and three deep blocking roads for more than 2 kilometers (a mile) outside of gas stations. Attendants turned away people carrying yellow cans to buy kerosene for cooking. There was none. Banks started closing at lunchtime on Monday and cell phone companies warned they would be forced to shut down service countrywide for lack of diesel to fuel generators.

Environment

NOAA: Pacific will see more hurricanes than average

HONOLULU (AP)—Forecasters say the 2015 hurricane season in the central Pacific region will see more storms than average because of warmer

ocean water.

Tom Evans, the acting director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Central Pacific Hur-

ricane Center, said at a news conference Tuesday that the prediction is based largely on current El Nino conditions in the region. El Nino is the warming of the water on the surface of the ocean along the equator, he said, and there are more storms on average during El Nino years.

"El Nino has been established, it's out there," Evans said. "We have the warm water and it's been increasing over the last many months." The El Nino conditions are expected to strengthen during the hurricane season, he added.

The prediction means Hawaii and the surrounding area will likely see between five and eight storms this season. There is a 70 percent chance of having an above normal season.

The central Pacific basin experienced 11 hurricanes each season in 1992 and 1994, the most on record since 1970, and no hurricanes in 1975, 1977 and 1979.

In 2014 there were five hurricanes in the region, which falls within the average of four to five storms per year. The last hurricane to directly hit Hawaii was Iniki in 1992. In 2014, Hur-

ricane Iselle approached the island chain but weakened to a tropical storm just before making landfall. Two other major storms, Julio and Ana, barely missed the state.

Dennis Hwang, a coastal hazard mitigation specialist at the University of Hawaii's Sea Grant program, shared some of the lessons learned from the busy 2014 hurricane season. "We dodged three major bullets last year," he said of hurricanes Iselle, Julio and Ana.

"There were major damages, but it could have been a lot worse," he said.

Hawaii Gov. David Ige was at the news conference and urged people to prepare in advance for the upcoming season.

"We know that no matter how much we prepare we can never be over prepared," he said. "I really do embrace the notion that preparedness is the best thing that we can do at every level."

The region's hurricane season lasts from June 1 through Nov. 30. Most of Hawaii's tropical cyclones happen in August, according to NOAA. The next tropical storm to form in the central Pacific basin will be named Ela.

Japan pledges climate change help for Pacific island nations

TOKYO (AP)—Japan pledged Saturday 55 billion yen (\$450 million) in aid to Pacific island nations that are battling rising sea levels and natural calamities as a result of global warming.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe made the pledge at a two-day meeting with the island nations' leaders in Iwaki in northern Japan.

The assistance will be doled out over three years to help fight environmental disasters and for access to clean water, renewable energy, waste management and related issues.

Japan will also help with expert exchanges and training. Participants agreed to work together to preserve ocean life and encourage trade and investment.

The island nations include Fiji, the Marshall Islands, the Solomon Islands and oth-

ers dotting the Pacific Ocean, some of which are threatened with rising sea levels.

Scientists say the melt of Arctic glaciers is a key factor in the sea level rise that is threatening island nations, many of which are built on coral atolls just a few meters (yards) above sea level.

In a landmark report in 2014, the U.N.'s expert panel on climate change said oceans could rise by as much as 1 meter (3.3 feet) by the end of this century if no action is taken to cut the greenhouse gas emissions blamed for global warming.

"In order for us to face up to the fury of nature and also recover even better from disasters, we must bring to each other our wisdom and experiences while maintaining connections," Abe said in a speech.

ENVIRONMENT BRIEFS

Endangered antelope dying off in vast numbers in Kazakhstan

KIEV, Ukraine (AP)—Authorities in Kazakhstan says around one-third of the endangered saiga antelope population in this Central Asian nation has mysteriously died off in the last few days. Kazakhstan's agriculture ministry said Friday the number of saiga that have died may have reached 85,000. The ministry says it suspects the animals, which are recognizable for their distinctive humped snout, may have been struck by an epidemic of pasteurellosis caused by a bacterial infection. Officials say international veterinarian experts have been flown to Kazakhstan to study other possible causes for the catastrophic die-off. The number of saiga plummeted in the 1990s as a result of poaching. At the latest Kazakh government count in 2014, the saiga population stood at 257,000. Saiga are also found in smaller numbers in parts of Russia.

Galapagos Island volcano erupts first time in 33 years

QUITO, Ecuador (AP)—A volcano atop one of the Galapagos Islands has erupted for the first time in 33 years, threatening a fragile ecosystem that inspired Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. Ecuador's Galapagos National Park administration said the mile-high (1.7 kilometer-high) Wolf volcano began spewing fire, smoke and lava before dawn Monday. The

volcano lies on the northern tip of Isabela Island, the archipelago's largest. It's far from the only population center, Puerto Villamil, 70 miles (115 kilometers) to the south. Authorities said no tourist activity was affected. Authorities said lava flowing in the southwest direction for now poses no risk to the world's only population of pink iguanas, which live on the island's northwest tip.

Texan who paid \$350K kills endangered black rhino in Africa

DALLAS (AP)—A Texan who bid \$350,000 to hunt a black rhinoceros in Africa in what was billed as a conservation fundraiser has killed one of the endangered animals, a Dallas Safari Club official said Thursday. Corey Knowlton of Dallas shot a black rhino this week in Namibia, according to Ben Carter, executive director of the Dallas Safari Club. Knowlton was the top bidder in the club's January 2014 auction. The funds go to the Namibia Ministry of Environment and Tourism, which issued the permit as part of efforts to cull the herd, Carter said. Opponents criticized plans to kill an endangered animal. Federal officials received thousands of letters opposing Knowlton being allowed to import the trophy. Knowlton shot a mature black rhino bull, considered detrimental to the herd, Carter said. Older bulls, when no longer breeding, can threaten other rhinos, Carter said.

IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED



† DONALD GLENN PANGELINAN FLORES

A year ago, our dearly beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle was called by our Lord to his new home, God's Paradise.

Families and friends came from near and far embraced us with much support, words of wisdom and most especially, showed us with much love and kindness as we endured our pain of loss. Through time, we have kept our dearly beloved's memories alive in our hearts and believe he is at peaceful rest.

In celebration and remembrance of the anniversary of his new life, we the family respectfully invite our families and friends to join us in the daily Eucharistic Celebration to be offered in his memory beginning Monday, May 25, 2015 at 6:00 a.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral.

On the ninth day, Tuesday, June 02, 2015, Eucharistic Celebration will be offered at 6:00 a.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral. An appreciation breakfast will be served at the Joeten Daidai Social Hall immediately thereafter.

Your thoughts, presence and most especially your prayers are sincerely appreciated.

May God's grace and blessings be upon us now and always.

**Cecilia Untalan Flores [Derron (Donovan & Devyn)]
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Life & Style

Nielsen survey says Liam Neeson is BIG AD MAN

NEW YORK (AP)—Ad executives looking for a celebrity to endorse their product can't do much better than actor Liam Neeson.

That's the conclusion of the Nielsen company, which looked at celebrities who made commercials during the first three months of the year and ranked them with a calculation that takes into account likability, public awareness, influence and other factors. Its first "N-Scores" were released Tuesday. Neeson and Pierce Brosnan had identical scores of 94, although Neeson was judged to have a greater influence in getting products sold.

By looking at the effectiveness of celebrity pitchmen, the company best known for television ratings will now compete with Marketing Evaluations Inc., a company that produces the better-known Q Score, a measurement of public attitudes toward well-known figures.

Besides attaching scores to celebrity endorsers, Nielsen intends to offer marketers detailed information about the personalities and habits of people who respond well to each celebrity so they can better match pitchmen and products, said Chad Dreas, Nielsen's managing director of media analytics.

"What do they buy? Where do they shop? What do they watch?" said Dreas, describing

the details Nielsen intends to sell.

Neeson, who has been featured in an ad for Supercell Games, is viewed positively by 78 percent of Americans who know him, Nielsen said. Brosnan and Matthew McConaughey, both featured in car commercials recently, also scored well in Nielsen's measurement.

Jeff Bridges stood out among celebrities for the amount of influence he carried with his fans, Nielsen said.

Other celebs with recent ads that scored well in Nielsen's measurement were Jennifer Garner, Natalie Portman, Sofia Vergara, Jim Parsons, Dennis Haysbert and J.K. Simmons.



FILE - In this March 24, 2015 file photo, actor Liam Neeson poses for photographers during the presentation of the film "Run All Night" in Madrid. AP

Actor Sam Shepard arrested for drunken driving in Santa Fe

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)—Actor and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Sam Shepard was arrested Monday on suspicion of drunken driving after a Santa Fe restaurant's security complained about a possibly intoxicated driver.

The 71-year-old Shepard told a police officer that he had two tequila drinks and was planning to drive home, Santa Fe police Lt. Andrea Dobyns said Tuesday. "Our officer could smell alcohol on his breath, and he had bloodshot, watery eyes," she said.

Shepard was arrested on a charge of aggravated driving while intoxicated outside La Chozza restaurant in downtown.

The restaurant's security called police about 7:45 p.m. Monday concerned about an intoxicated driver, Dobyns said. The man was trying to leave in the pickup, but the vehicle's emergency brake was engaged.

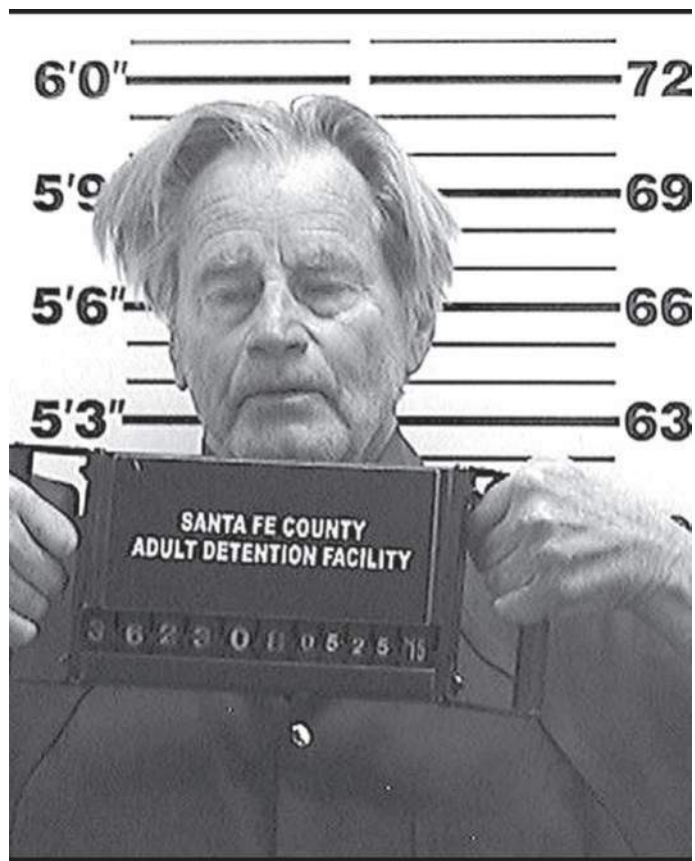
Shepard declined to take a breath test, but he did perform a field sobriety test, which he failed, Dobyns said.

It wasn't immediately clear if Shepard had an attorney. Santa Fe jail records show that Shepard was released Tuesday afternoon after posting bail.

The office of Shepard's agent said Tuesday that it had no comment.

Shepard won the Pulitzer Prize in 1979 for his play "Buried Child." His film credits, among others, include "Country," "Baby Boom," "Steel Magnolias," "Thunderheart," "Black Hawk Down," "The Notebook," and "Walker Payne."

Playing Chuck Yeager in a drama about the birth of Ameri-



This May 25, 2015 booking photo provided by the Santa Fe County Jail shows actor and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Sam Shepard, who was arrested Monday, May 25, 2015, on suspicion of drunken driving in Santa Fe, N.M. AP

ca's space program, "The Right Stuff" earned Shepard an Academy Award nomination. His play "True West," depicting a rivalry between two estranged brothers, has been revived numerous times and starred high-profile actors over the years.

The Santa Fe Institute, a transdisciplinary research community, lists the actor as a Miller Scholar.

Monday's arrest appears to be Shepard's second on charges of drunken driving. In January 2009, he was arrested on charges of speeding and drunk-

en driving in the central Illinois town of Normal. Shepard was driving 16 mph over the 30 mph speed limit, police said. A breath test then indicated his blood-alcohol level was double the legal limit. The actor told police then that he had been at a tavern in nearby Bloomington and was heading to a hotel.

Shepard pleaded guilty and was fined \$600 and court costs and placed on 24 months of supervision. He also had to finish an alcohol treatment program and perform 100 hours of community service.

Author of Pamela Smart-inspired book asks for her parole

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP)—A woman whose book "To Die For" was inspired by the case of Pamela Smart, who plotted with her teenage lover to kill her husband, is asking the governor to consider parole.

Smart, who began a torrid affair with 15-year-old Billy Flynn when she was a media coordinator at his high school, was convicted in 1991 of being an accomplice to first-degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison without the chance of parole. The lurid details of the trial aired gavel to gavel on television, and the case became an instant tabloid sensation.

Joyce Maynard's 1992 book, influenced by the Smart case, later was adapted into a movie starring Nicole Kidman.

In the letter to Gov. Maggie Hassan, dated March 3 but recently shared with media, Maynard writes that she didn't intend her work of fiction to shape the public perception of Smart.

"At the time the jury reached its verdict in the Smart case, my novel was a full year away from publication," Maynard wrote. "But if the existence of the film and adaptation of the book has contributed in any way to a public perception of



Pamela Smart is seen in this file image taken from video courtesy of WMUR television of Manchester, N.H. at the corrections facility in Bedford Hills, N.Y. AP

Pamela Smart as a ruthlessly ambitious killer, I will say: this was not my intent."

The governor's spokesman said there's no new evidence that's been brought forward to merit a change in Smart's status.

"There is not an outstanding pardon or commutation petition for Pamela Smart," Hassan's spokesman, William Hinkle, said Tuesday. "Governor Hassan does not believe jury verdicts should be overturned without clear evidence of a miscarriage of justice, and at this time, the governor has not been

presented any new information that would warrant consideration of a pardon even if such a petition existed."

Flynn pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and testified that Smart threatened to break up with him if he didn't kill her husband, Gregory. He admitted pulling the trigger.

Three other teens were also convicted in the plot.

Flynn and Patrick Randall, who held a knife to Gregory Smart's throat, were granted parole this year. The other two teens served prison sentences and have been released.

Smart admitted having an affair with Flynn but denied planning the murder. She unsuccessfully sought a pardon a decade ago, saying her trial was tainted by intense media coverage.

Then-Gov. John Lynch and the Executive Council, a five-member elected body that considers pardons, appointments and state contracts, were unmoved by letters proclaiming Smart's innocence and good deeds in prison; Smart earned two master's degrees and worked as a teacher's aide and counselor to other inmates. The governor and council denied her a pardon hearing.

Newport festival to mark 50th year since Dylan went electric

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP)—This year's Newport Folk Festival plans to pay tribute to the moment when Bob Dylan made rock history by going electric 50 years ago.

The festival, noted for introducing performers who later became big stars, will have a secret lineup of musicians billed as '65 Revisited.

Festival producer Jay Sweet said on Tuesday that nearly a dozen contemporary musicians are included in an "all-star lineup," but the audience won't know who they are until they take the stage to close the festival with a "massive" set celebrating Dylan's

Jessica Lange to return to Broadway



Lange

N E W Y O R K (A P) — Jessica Lange will return to Broadway next spring in a production of "Long Day's Journey Into Night," playing the same role she did 15 years ago in London.

The Roundabout Theatre Company said Tuesday that the Oscar- and Emmy-winner will join Gabriel Byrne in a revival of Eugene O'Neill's play in March. Jonathan Kent will direct the production at the American Airlines Theatre.

Lange previously played the role of Mary Tyrone in a 2000 production of O'Neill's familial drama in London, receiving an Olivier Award nomination for her performance as the morphine-addicted mother.

The "American Horror Story" star made her Broadway debut in a 1992 production of "A Streetcar Named Desire" and returned to the stage in the 2005 revival of "The Glass Menagerie."



In this Aug. 3, 2002 file photo, legendary singer-songwriter Bob Dylan performs at the Newport Folk Festival in R.I. Dylan made rock history when he went electric at the Newport Folk Festival in 1965.

1965 performance.

Dylan first appeared at Newport as a guest of Joan Baez in

1963. His three-song electric set two years later—including "Like a Rolling Stone" and "Maggie's

Farm"—is widely viewed as one of the most pivotal moments in rock 'n' roll history. It marked

Lock of Mozart's hair going under the hammer at Sotheby's

LONDON (AP)—Music lovers have the chance to own a strand of history.

Auctioneer Sotheby's is selling a lock of hair from the head of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, resting in a gilt locket.

Taking composers' hair as keepsakes was common in the

18th and 19th centuries.

After Mozart died in 1791, aged 35, his widow gave the hair to the mother of German composer Karl Anschutz. It was acquired by the late British composer Arthur Sommervell and is being sold by his family.

The hair is up for auction

Thursday with an estimated price of 10,000 pounds to 12,000 pounds (\$15,400 to \$18,450).

The sale also includes a lock of Ludwig van Beethoven's hair and an invitation to his 1827 funeral, together valued at 2,000 pounds to 3,000 pounds (\$3,100 to \$4,600).

Judge orders children returned to actress in custody fight

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A judge has ordered the ex-husband of actress Kelly Rutherford to return their two children to her over concerns that a custody order was violated.

Rutherford, who starred on "Melrose Place" and "Gossip Girl," filed an emergency petition on Friday stating that her ex-husband has petitioned a court in Monaco to change the citizenship of their 8-year-old son and 6-year-old daughter.

In response, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mark Juhas

ordered that Daniel Giersch must return the children to the United States pending a court hearing on June 15.

Rutherford, 46, did not give her ex-husband notice of an emergency hearing on Friday that ended with Juhas giving her temporary custody.

The actress wrote that she was concerned that Giersch would have kidnapped the children if he had been given notice of the hearing.

The order expresses concern that Giersch has repeatedly violated the 2013 custody order allowing the children to live with him abroad while he sorted out a United States visa issue.

An email sent to Giersch was not immediately returned.

Giersch and Rutherford married in 2006 and filed for divorce two years later. They were granted a divorce in July 2010 and continued to fight over custody until the 2013 order allowed Giersch to keep the children abroad.

Dylan's break with the folk movement and spurred others to go electric as well.

The Fender Stratocaster guitar Dylan played in the performance sold at auction in 2013 for nearly \$1 million, the highest price paid for a guitar at auction.

Dylan is not playing at this year's festival, although Sweet said he's invited to play every year. If there's any year Dylan wouldn't come, it's Sweet's guess it would probably be this one.

"Having him back would be the least Newport way to celebrate it," he said.

Dylan last played Newport in 2002.

"Trying to recreate that moment is a fool's errand," Sweet said. "We're about the future, not about reliving the past."

But Sweet said without that moment, when Dylan struck out a new path for music, the Newport Folk Festival probably would not be celebrating its 56th anniversary this year.

"Every once in a while, you have to acknowledge, that allowed us to be here," he said.

The festival runs July 24-26. Tickets are sold out for the last two days, but a few are available for the first day. Other headliners include Roger Waters and The Decemberists.

Sen. Mitch McConnell working on his memoir

NEW YORK (AP)—Sen. Mitch McConnell, the Senate majority leader, is working on a memoir.

The Kentucky Republican told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he planned to tell both his personal story, including overcoming polio as a child in Alabama, and the story of his long career in public life.

"It's hard for me to believe it's been four decades in politics," McConnell, 73, said during a telephone interview, adding that the book "gives you an opportunity to convey the lessons you've learned over the years."

Known as one of Washington's savvy-est politicians, McConnell has given his book the working title, "The Long Game," a reference to his ability to prevail as a legislator and as a political candidate. He was first elected to the Senate in 1984 and has withstood various challenges, including a tough primary against conservative businessman Matt Bevin in 2014.

Asked if he would write about some of his political rivals, from

President Barack Obama to his Democratic counterpart in the Senate, Minority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, McConnell said the book would be a " candid assessment of the people I've worked with and negotiated with and some of the challenges and opportunities we've had over some 30 years in the Senate."

Talks with publishers are expected to take place over the summer, and McConnell does not yet have a release date in mind. He will be represented by Washington attorney Robert Barnett, whose clients have included Obama and such Re-

publicans as former President George W. Bush and former Vice President Dick Cheney.

McConnell said he will have assistance on the book, which he has begun, and that one reason he's waited this long has been the relentless pace of being Senate minority leader from 2007-2015 and now majority leader after Republicans regained power in the Senate in the 2014 elections.



McConnell

Mom seeks detour to safety around in-laws' driving habits

DEAR ABBY: My in-laws are fabulous. They love me and think the world of our 2-year-old daughter, "Hayley." They do anything to support us.

Recently, they asked to take Hayley overnight and drive a number of places with her. My concern is the driving part. My father-in-law doesn't believe in car seats.

On a few occasions he has asked me to just hop in the car with Hayley without a car seat. I refused. Another time, they had a circa-1980 car seat and asked to take Hayley with them to church. When I went to put her in the seat, the buckles wouldn't work. When I reached over to the other side, the seat fell over. It wasn't even strapped in!

Now for my biggest fear: My mother-in-law is a notorious distracted driver -- she applies makeup, eats food, talks on the phone and texts. I am not comfortable with her taking Hayley in the car with her.

How do I approach this with them? I don't want to harm our relationship, and I'd like them to spend time with their grandchild independently. But I can't put my daughter in a dangerous situation. Any thoughts would be appreciated.

FEARFUL MOM IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR FEARFUL MOM: Your fears appear to be well founded. Your "fabulous" in-laws cannot be trusted to transport your little girl.

My first thought was that you and your husband could buy them a car seat and have it installed. But if you can't trust your father-in-law to use it, or your mother-in-law to devote her full attention to her driving when her grandchild is in the car, then the child's safety must come first. As a mother, your job is to be conscientious, even if it makes you less popular. And your husband should back you up 100 percent.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband is very affectionate. He loves to cuddle, snuggle and sweet-talk morning, noon and night. However, he doesn't do it with me—he does it with our cats.

Don't get me wrong—he's a good husband, and I get a quick hug and kiss goodbye when I leave for work in the mornings and he holds my hand when we walk. But when we go to bed at night, he turns his back to me, reaches behind him, pats me on the arm and says goodnight. There is no cuddling and no sweet-talk with me.

Sometimes I would like a little scratch behind MY ears. We married late in life, so maybe the sex is out, but my late husband used to hold me and make me feel special. I'm only 62 and I can't imagine living this way for the rest of my life, but I love this man, so divorce is out. Any advice?

"MEOW" IN OGDEN, UTAH

DEAR "MEOW": Was your husband like this before you married him? If so, did you accept his proposal thinking you

DEAR ABBY

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could change him? If not, then it appears you have a serious communication problem.

If you haven't already, you need to tell him what you need in order to feel as loved and cherished as the cats. And if that doesn't work, you both need marriage counseling because I can't imagine you living the rest of your life starved for affection. As you said, you're only 62.

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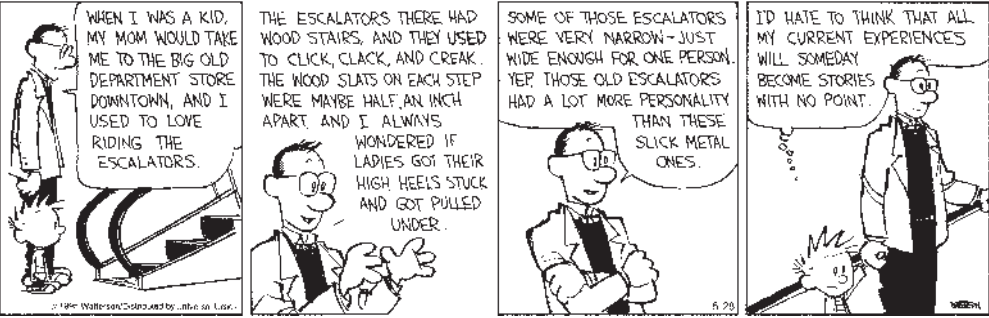
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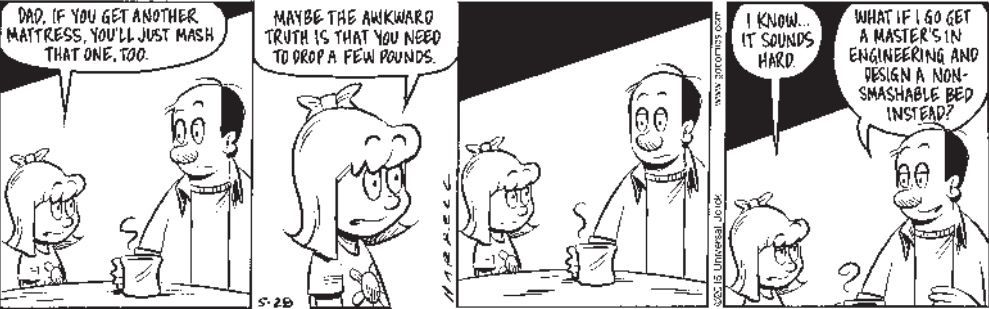
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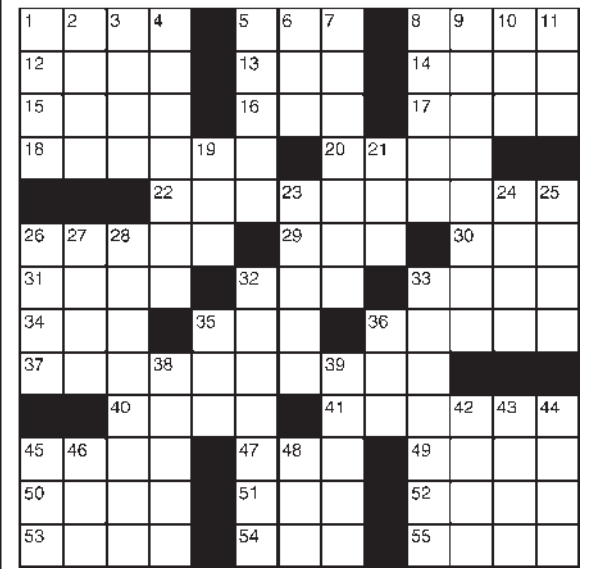
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 - 5 The whole shebang
 - 8 Eastern potentate
 - 12 Author Morrison
 - 13 Halloween cry
 - 14 Easter emblem
 - 15 Winged
 - 16 Early bird?
 - 17 Gilligan's home
 - 18 Bicycle-seat style
 - 20 Restaurant chain acronym
 - 22 "Blondie" or "Zits"
 - 26 Face-to-face exams
 - 29 Cistern
 - 30 Altar affirmative
 - 31 Jackknife, for one
 - 32 Crony
 - 33 Had more than a hunch
 - 34 Female deer
 - 35 Roscoe
- DOWN**
- 1 Impale
 - 2 Caffeine-rich nut
 - 3 —
 - 4 Saint-hood prerequisite
 - 5 Perpendicular to the keel
 - 6 Journal
 - 7 Sane
 - 8 "Cats" inspirer
 - 9 Typo
 - 10 Ailing
 - 11 Pumpernickel alternative
 - 19 Ph. bk. data
 - 21 DDE predecessor
 - 23 The former Mrs. Trump
 - 24 Notion
 - 25 "Hogan's Heroes" group
 - 26 Probability
 - 27 Laugh-a-minute
 - 28 Distaste
 - 32 Cinderella's coach, really
 - 33 Casual dismissal
 - 35 Coll. transcript stat
 - 36 Thick-ness
 - 38 Cove
 - 39 Bank transactions
 - 42 Genealogy chart
 - 43 Morays, e.g.
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't fight the inevitable. The more accommodating and compromising you are, the better things will turn out for you. Use your intelligence and high energy to make things happen. If you are disciplined and hardworking, you will get what you want. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make plans to improve. Sign up for a course or update your image and you'll feel good and make progress. Love is highlighted, and the interest someone takes in you will lead to your good fortune. Positive thoughts will bring good results. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Focus on love, creativity and exploring your options. You are in a high cycle that will allow you to bring about positive changes in your personal and social encounters. Express your feelings and you will get the response you are looking for. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep busy—idle time will lead to a precarious situation when dealing with emotional or

domestic matters. Don't reveal your feelings until you are sure you are ready to have an open and honest conversation. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your communication skills will put you in the limelight. You can make a difference if you are diligent and determined to improve your community, surroundings or environment. What you do will bring praise, popularity and leadership. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Concentrate on staying out of trouble. Someone will blame you for something you didn't do. Don't argue, just fix whatever went wrong and keep moving forward. It's what you do, not what you say, that will matter in the end. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Express your thoughts and follow through with action. You can accomplish what you set out to do and will get the acknowledgment you deserve if you put in the effort. Don't let domestic issues stand between you and reaching your professional goals. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be prepared to spend money if you want to do the best job possible. Investing in yourself, your talent and your plans will lead to a better future. Your love life will improve if you are willing to share your success. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Have some fun. Getting to know the people in your neighborhood or taking part in community events will broaden your horizons and bring you opportunities. Making suggestions and offering hands-on help will boost your popularity. ****

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Listen to what's being said, but don't respond prematurely. You are best to let emotional matters settle down before you try to take control. Put more time and thought into nurturing and doing things for others. Say little; do a lot. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Love, romance and doing something to make you feel and look your best should be your goal. Let your innovative, imaginative and engaging personality shine through and you will impress someone you love. *****

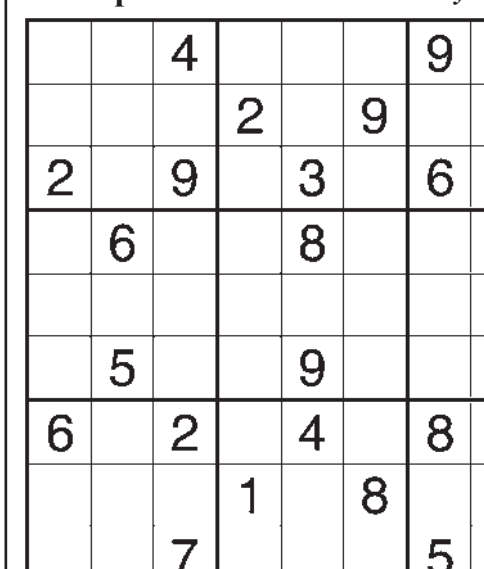
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A deal being offered will not be as good as it sounds. Do your research and you'll find a way to cut corners and come out ahead. You won't please everyone, but you will save money and spare yourself grief. ***

Birthday Baby: You are determined and perceptive. You are masterful, magnetic and aggressive.

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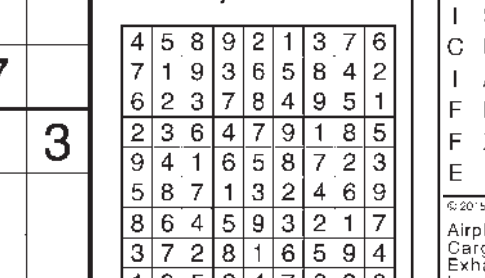
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LeBron, Cavs earn NBA Finals spot by sweeping Hawks



CLEVELAND (AP)—LeBron James knew what he left behind when he bolted to Miami five years ago.

He broke hearts at home, where generations of Cleveland fans only know championships through stories told by their fathers, yellowed newspaper clippings or grainy black-and-white film.

James had to go back.

"I'm a guy who believes in unfinished business," he said.

With four more wins, he can end a half-century of sports misery.

James scored 23 points, Kyrie Irving provided a boost after missing two games and Cleveland reserved a spot in the NBA Finals with a 118-88 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday night to win the Eastern Conference title.

By sweeping the top-seeded Hawks, the Cavs, who overcame adversity from the season's start, earned their second trip to the finals, where they will face either Golden State or Houston starting June 4.

It will be the fifth straight visit to the league's showcase event for the inimitable James, who returned to Cleveland after four years in Miami to try and end this city's championship drought dating to 1964. If he can, James will have a title that would put him in a class by himself. Other players have won more championships, but none has ever done it for his ring-starved home region.

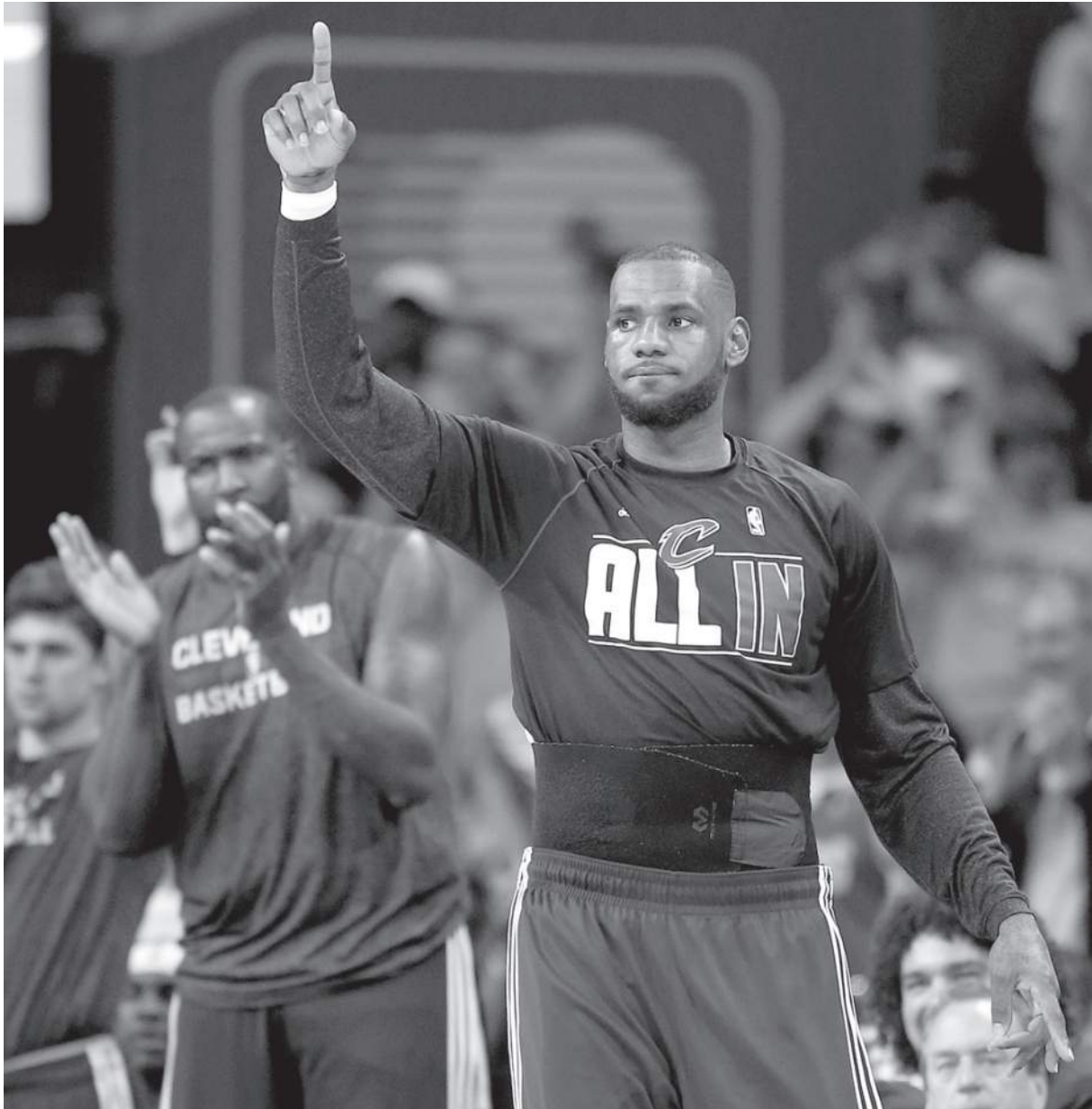
When he announced his return last summer, James talked about ending a championship dryspell that has linked generations. He has a chance to turn Cleveland, a city that has taken its fair share of knocks over the years, into a title town.

"I understood what these people were going through, the people here," he said. "Not only in Cleveland but Northeast Ohio and all over the world who love and bleed wine and gold. To be at this point tonight, it's very emotional."

Jeff Teague scored 17 and Paul Millsap 16 for Atlanta, which won a team-record 60 games during the regular season and made the conference finals for the first time since 1970. But the Hawks were no match for the Cavaliers and had no answer for James, who nearly averaged a triple-double in the four games.

J.R. Smith added 18 points and Tristan Thompson had 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Cavs, who were handed new caps and T-shirts following the win and were joined by family members on the floor to celebrate.

Sitting at the podium with James, Smith, who had been vanquished to the Knicks bench before being traded in January, adjusted the brim on his "Finals" cap and took a selfie.



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James reacts on the sidelines late in the second half of Game 4 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference Finals against the Atlanta Hawks, Tuesday, May 26, 2015, in Cleveland.

It was a tough way for the Hawks to end a remarkable season. They survived a tumultuous offseason, and their young roster gelled in January when they became the first franchise to go 17-0 in a calendar month. They went on to win 19 straight, improved their record by 22 wins over last season and beat Brooklyn and Washington in the first two rounds.

But an injury to starting forward Thabo Sefolosha in April was followed by DeMarre Carroll injuring his knee in the series opener, before Kyle Korver's season ended in Game 2 with an ankle injury.

Those all hurt, but it was James who inflicted the most pain.

James carried the Cavs to their first finals appearance eight years ago, when they were swept by San Antonio. It was assumed the Cavs would get back again, but James left in 2010 to join the Heat, a move that dropped the Cavaliers from relevance and into the draft lottery four straight years. But those days are over—Cleveland and King James reign supreme in the East.

The Cavs got through the last two

rounds without forward Kevin Love, who sustained a season-ending shoulder injury. His arrival last summer, joining James and Irving to form a Big 3, made Cleveland the team to beat in the East.

It didn't go exactly as planned under first-year coach David Blatt, who left his family in Israel to take the Cavs' job. "We're in Cleveland," Blatt cracked. "Nothing is easy here."

The Cavs lost center Anderson Varejao to a season-ending Achilles injury in December and were 19-20 before trading for Smith, Iman Shumpert and Timofey Mozgov, a trio that transformed Cleveland.

Irving, who missed Cleveland's previous two games with tendinitis in his left knee, scored 16 and the All-Star point guard looked better than he has in weeks.

Unlike Game 3, when he missed his first 10 shots, James started much better and scored 15 in the first half as the Cavs opened a 17-point half-time lead. They spent the fourth quarter playing their reserves and getting ready for a party and some time off

before the finals.

This was Cleveland's night from the start.

Following pregame introductions, James slapped hands with members of Gilbert's family and then with his boss. The two mended their broken relationship last summer, paving the way for James to re-sign with Cavs and try to deliver the title he couldn't during his first stint.

James had a bounce in his step and it wasn't long before he delivered one of his patented windmill dunks, prompting the Hawks to call a time-out while James ran the length of the baseline screaming at Cleveland fans to "Get up!"

Moments later, Irving showed he could get up after being knocked down.

He drove to the basket for a layup and was fouled hard. Irving, though, quickly popped to his feet and James, who was on the bench at the time, walked several feet onto the floor to salute his teammate.

The Cavs know they'll need a healthy Irving to take the next step—the one to the top.

SIDEBAR

Rockets' Howard won't be suspended for Game 5 vs Warriors

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Houston Rockets center Dwight Howard will not be suspended for Game 5 of the Western Conference finals against the Golden State Warriors after the NBA decided to uphold his flagrant 1 foul.

NBA President of Basketball Operations Rod Thorn said in a statement Tuesday night that Howard was trying to free himself from Andrew Bogut when Howard "recklessly hit him in the face with an open hand." Thorn said the contact was deemed unnecessary by game officials, who were aided by replay review, and the league doesn't "see a reason to modify that call."

Howard received a flagrant 1 foul early in the third quarter after throwing his left elbow at Bogut's head—connecting with the back of his hand—after the Warriors center made contact with him. Howard could've been suspended for Wednesday night's game by accumulation of flagrant foul points if the NBA upgraded the call to a flagrant 2.

Howard said after the game he was reacting to Bogut's contact and wasn't trying to hurt him. Told Howard would be suspended for Game 5 if the NBA upgraded the call to a flagrant 2, Bogut said he doubted that would happen then.

The decision comes with the Warriors leading the series 3-1 and after Atlanta's Al Horford and Cleveland's J.R. Smith recently received stricter penalties for contact above the shoulders.

Horford was assessed a flagrant 2 foul and ejected from Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals on Sunday night for striking Cavaliers guard Matthew Dellavedova above his shoulders late in the first half. The two got tangled on the floor while scrambling for a loose ball, and as Dellavedova was rolling up on his right knee, Horford brought his right arm down hard and struck the side of the scrappy Australian's head.

A few weeks earlier, the NBA suspended Smith the first two games of the East semifinals against Chicago without pay after he swung backward and smacked Boston's Jae Crowder in the face in the final game of the first round. Smith was ejected and Crowder sprained a knee ligament.

Stu Jackson, who ruled on such matters when he was previously the NBA executive vice president of basketball operations, wrote on Twitter that he was "baffled" by the league's decision not to upgrade Howard's flagrant.

"Hard contact to face, reckless, released arm and flailed for free head shot and history," Jackson tweeted.

Before the league announced the ruling, Rockets coach Kevin McHale argued that Howard was retaliating to the contact made by Bogut and the flagrant foul should not be upgraded.

"I guess the one thing we'll learn is we should be the first one to grab," McHale quipped.

Warriors coach Steve Kerr declined to say whether he thought Howard's flagrant should be upgraded, but he thought the contact was clearly above the shoulders.

"He elbowed him in the head, so I don't really know what the rule is," Kerr said. "I'm not sure anyone really knows what the rule is. Seriously, it just seems like every case is a little different. There doesn't seem to be a definitive answer, and there is a lot of gray area in all these plays, so I understand that."

Swiss police detain soccer officials ahead of FIFA congress



For the Good of the Game

ZURICH (AP)—Six soccer officials were arrested and detained by Swiss police on Wednesday pending extradition at the request of U.S. authorities after a raid at a luxury hotel in Zurich.

The officials are in Switzerland for the FIFA congress and presidential election, where Sepp Blatter is widely

expected to win a fifth term at the helm of the governing body of world soccer.

Blatter was not among the men arrested, FIFA spokesman Walter de Gregorio told The Associated Press.

"He is not involved at all," De Gregorio said.

Blatter is scheduled to attend a meeting of the Confederation of African Football at 10:30 a.m. (0830 GMT) in a different downtown Zurich hotel.

The Swiss Federal Office of Justice said in a statement that U.S. authori-

ties suspect the six officials of having received or paid bribes totaling millions of dollars and that the crimes were agreed to and prepared in the U.S., and payments carried out via U.S. banks.

The FOJ said the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York is investigating the individuals on suspicion of the acceptance of bribes and kick-backs between the early 1990s and now.

"The bribery suspects—representatives of sports media and sports

promotion firms—are alleged to have been involved in schemes to make payments to the soccer functionaries (FIFA delegates) and other functionaries of FIFA sub-organizations—totaling more than USD 100 million," the FOJ statement said. "In return, it is believed that they received media, marketing, and sponsorship rights in connection with soccer tournaments in Latin America."

The Zurich Cantonal Police were questioning the detainees.

Teixeira drives in 4 runs, Yankees beat Royals, 5-1



NEW YORK
(AP)—Mark Teixeira homered and drove in four runs,

Adam Warren pitched two-hit ball into the seventh inning and the New York Yankees beat the Kansas City Royals 5-1 Tuesday night to send the AL champions to their first three-game skid this season.

Warren (3-3) was perfect until Mike Moustakas beat out a hit to second baseman Stephen Drew on the outfield grass in right-center with one out in the fourth. The only other hit he allowed was Paulo Orlando's first major league homer in the sixth.

Lifted after 6 1-3 innings, Warren struck out five without walking a batter in the best of his 12 big league starts.

Teixeira was the only Yankees' starter without a hit during their 14-1 rout of Kansas City on Monday, which stopped a six-game losing streak. He more than made up as New York won consecutive games for the first time since May 10-11.

Cardinals 6, Diamondbacks 4

In St. Louis, Jaime Garcia won for the first time in nearly a year, working six solid innings, and Randal Grichuk homered to help St. Louis beat Arizona.

Grichuk and Jhonny Peralta had two RBIs each for the Cardinals, who are a major league-best 30-16. Garcia (1-1) hadn't won since June 15 at home against the Nationals.

Rookie Yasmany Tomas had two doubles and three RBIs for Arizona, but also made two big outs. He struck out against Matt Belisle with the bases loaded to end the seventh and hit a ground ball for the final out with the tying runs in scoring position against Seth Maness, who earned his third save in four chances.

Nick Ahmed homered for the Diamondbacks, who have lost eight of their last nine against St. Louis.

Giants 6, Brewers 3

In Milwaukee, Madison Bumgarner won another game in May and three San Francisco players homered in a 6-3 victory over Milwaukee.

Bumgarner (6-2) gave up four hits and three earned runs in six innings to improve to 5-1 in his last six starts. He's also 9-1 in May the last two seasons.

Matt Duffy, Hunter Pence and Brandon Belt hit home runs and Santiago Casilla earned his 13th save for San Francisco, now 10-2 in its last 12 games.

Milwaukee lost its fourth straight and is 1-6 over the last seven.

Matt Garza (2-7) struggled again, allowing eight hits and five earned runs in five innings. The right-hander has lost his last four decisions, owns just one victory in his last eight starts and is 0-4 at Miller Park.

Dodgers 8, Braves 0

In Los Angeles, Clayton Kershaw combined with two relievers on a five-hitter and capped a six-run fourth inning with an RBI single, Adrian Gonzalez notched his 1,000th RBI with a two-run homer, and Los Angeles beat Atlanta.

Kershaw (3-3) allowed four hits, struck out 10 and walked none while lowering his ERA to 3.86. The reigning NL MVP and three-time Cy Young Award winner is 16-0 with a 1.21 ERA in his last 20 starts against NL East teams.

Julio Teheran (4-2) gave up eight runs and 10 hits in 4 1-3 innings against the two-time defending NL West champions,



New York Yankees Chris Young (24) greets Alex Rodriguez after they scored on Mark Teixeira's fifth-inning double in a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals at Yankee Stadium in New York, Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

who have won four of five after getting swept in a three-game series at San Francisco by a combined margin of 10-0.

Astros 4, Orioles

In Baltimore, Scott Feldman outpitched Chris Tillman, Chris Carter keyed a seventh-inning rally and Houston beat Baltimore for its 10th win in 13 games.

Luis Valbuena had two hits and two RBIs for the Astros, who scored all their runs with two outs.

Feldman (4-4) gave up one run and four hits in six innings against his former team. The right-hander was 5-6 in his lone season with the Orioles (2013) but is 4-0 with a 2.41 ERA lifetime against them in Baltimore.

Luke Gregerson worked a perfect ninth for his 13th save.

Tillman (2-6) allowed two runs and five hits over seven innings. He hasn't won since April 18 and has dropped five straight decisions, tying a career high.

Padres 4, Dodgers 0, 10 innings

In Anaheim, Calif., Matt Kemp hit a three-run double down the left-field line with two outs in the 10th inning, and San Diego beat Los Angeles.

Kemp equaled his RBI total from his previous 15 games with one big hit for the Padres, who broke open a scoreless game by batting around in the extra inning to win for just the second time in seven games.

Jedd Gyorko snapped an 0-for-13 skid with a single leading off the 10th against Joe Smith (1-2). After Yanger-vis Solarte and Will Venable walked, Smith struck out Justin Upton before Kemp put his drive into the corner, clearing the bases.

Derek Norris then scored Kemp with a single off Vinny Pestano.

Tigers 1, Athletics 0

In Oakland, Calif., David Price outdueled Jesse Chavez to win for the first time in four starts, and Detroit bounced back from a shutout a day earlier to beat Oakland.

Price (4-1) gave up five hits, struck out three and walked one in seven innings for a third straight winning decision, but his

first victory since May 2 at Kansas City.

Former A's outfielder Rajai Davis hit a sacrifice fly in the first against Chavez (1-5). Slugger Miguel Cabrera returned to the Tigers lineup after sitting out Monday and extended his hitting streak to 13 games with a ninth-inning single.

Plate umpire Jeff Kellogg took a ball in the mask in the ninth but stayed in the game after being checked, and then a fan ran onto the field to cause another delay.

Cubs 3, Nationals 2

In Chicago, Addison Russell hit a game-ending RBI double in the ninth inning, and Chicago beat surging Washington.

Chris Coghlan started the winning rally with a one-out single against Matt Grace (2-1). The Cubs then caught a huge break when shortstop Ian Desmond threw wide to first while trying to turn a potential double play on pinch-hitter Jonathan Herrera's grounder to second.

That extended the inning, and Russell lined a 1-0 pitch beyond center fielder Denard Span's reach for his third hit of the game.

That made a winner of Hector Rondon (3-0), who worked a scoreless ninth.

Twins 2, Red Sox 1

In Minneapolis, Mike Pelfrey was sharp for seven innings, Trevor Plouffe and Kurt Suzuki hit back-to-back RBI doubles in the first inning, and Minnesota held on to beat Boston.

After rain delayed the game's first pitch for 1 hour, 21 minutes, Minnesota jumped on Clay Buchholz (2-6) for three doubles and two runs in the first.

That was enough support for Pelfrey (4-1), who retired the last seven batters he faced and lowered his ERA to 2.77. Pelfrey allowed five hits and struck out four.

Glen Perkins got Hanley Ramirez to fly out to right field with the bases loaded to end the eighth. The All-Star left-hander stayed in and worked a perfect ninth for his 17th save in as many chances.

The Red Sox have scored 14 runs in their last eight road games.

Mariners 7, Rays 6, 10 innings

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Kyle Seager hit

a grand slam in the eighth inning and a game-winning home run in the 10th to lift Seattle to a victory over Tampa Bay.

The game-winner, Seager's 10th home run of the season, came off Brad Boxberger (2-2) after the Rays had rallied for three runs to tie the game in the ninth.

Seager's eighth-inning slam off Jake McGee had given the Mariners a 6-3 lead. Seager drove in six runs with three hits and extended his hitting streak to 12 games.

Evan Longoria's bases-loaded double off the top of the wall, his third hit of the game, drove in two of the ninth-inning runs.

The Rays' fourth straight loss dropped them a half-game behind the New York Yankees in the AL East.

Fernando Rodney (2-2) got the win after giving up the three runs in the ninth. Joe Beimel pitched the 10th for his first save.

Pirates 5, Marlins 1

In Pittsburgh, Jeff Locke worked into the sixth inning in his first win in more than a month, and Pittsburgh beat reeling Miami.

Locke (3-2) struck out six and walked four in 5 2/3 shutout innings for his first victory this season against a team other than last-place Milwaukee. Neil Walker hit a two-run homer in Pittsburgh's fifth straight win, and Josh Harrison and Jung Ho Kang had two hits apiece.

Miami rookie Jose Urena (0-1) failed to make it out of the fifth inning in his first big league start, giving up five runs in 4 2/3 innings. Martin Prado's RBI double produced the only run for the Marlins. Christian Yelich added two hits for Miami, which fell to 2-7 under manager Dan Jennings.

Rangers 4, Indians 3

In Cleveland, Mitch Moreland hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning, and Texas beat Cleveland for its seventh consecutive victory.

Prince Fielder also connected for a three-run shot as the Rangers (23-23) got back to .500 for the first time since the sixth game of the season. Fielder is

batting .583 (14 for 24) with five homers and 15 RBIs in his last five games.

Moreland's fifth homer came on a 2-0 pitch from Nick Hagadone (0-1) with one out.

Josh Hamilton, playing his second game of the season for Texas, was hitless in four at-bats and is 0 for 7 in his return to the Rangers.

Mets 5, Phillies 4, 10 innings

In New York, Wilmer Flores singled home the winning run with two outs in the 10th inning for his second huge hit in two days, giving New York a victory over Philadelphia.

The Mets pulled it out after Jacob deGrom and the bullpen blew a three-run lead in the eighth, improving to 19-6 at home this season. They have won seven consecutive series against the Phillies, beating their NL East rivals 19 times in the past 24 meetings.

Juan Lagares led off the 10th with a single against Jeanmar Gomez (0-1) before Elvis Araujo walked Lucas Duda. Daniel Murphy grounded into a double play, but Michael Cuddyer walked and Flores lined a single over shortstop.

Reds 2, Rockies 1

In Cincinnati, Skip Schumaker hit a game-winning double in the ninth inning, and Cincinnati ended a nine-game losing streak—the longest in 17 years—with a victory over Colorado.

Players piled out of their dugout for a wild celebration near second base after Schumaker's pinch hit ended the Reds' longest slump since they dropped 11 in a row under manager Jack McKeon in 1998.

Cincinnati had the second-longest losing streak in the majors this season, trailing Colorado's 11-game slide from April 28 to May 13.

Brooks Brown (0-2) walked Marlon Byrd opening the ninth. Kristopher Negron's sacrificed, and Schumaker hit an opposite-field liner that landed just inside the left-field foul line. Jay Bruce led the charge of Reds players onto the field, and injured pitcher Johnny Cueto poured a bottle of water of Schumaker's head.

Aroldis Chapman (3-3), who had given up runs in each of his prior two appearances, escaped a two-on threat in the ninth by striking out Nolan Arenado.

Blue Jays 10, White Sox 9

In Toronto, Josh Donaldson hit a three-run homer off David Robertson in the ninth inning, his second home run of the game, lifting the Toronto Blue Jays over the Chicago White Sox 10-9 on Tuesday night.

Donaldson also hit a solo homer in the first and went 4 for 4 with a walk and five runs for Toronto, which matched a season high with its third straight win.

Jose Bautista went 3 for 4 with five RBIs in his return to the lineup after missing two games with a sore right shoulder.

With Toronto trailing 9-7, Josh Thole singled off Robertson (3-1) leading off the ninth and advanced on Jose Reyes' double. Donaldson followed with a drive into the right-field bullpen and was mobbed at home plate.

Steve Delabar (1-0) pitched 1 1-3 innings hitless innings.

Robertson blew a save for the second time in 11 chances, and Chicago lost for the eighth time in nine games.

Diana tops singles, All Events in May Masters

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Diana Camacho owned the 33rd CNMI May Masters Tournament as she posted two more division wins in last weekend's competition at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Camacho, who was crowned May Masters queen after beating 16 other female bowlers, added the singles and All Events first place trophies to her collection.

In the singles event, Camacho registered a three-game total of 602 pinfalls to finish ahead of Kathy Mersai (559) and Lynn Santos (533). Camacho was behind Santos in Game 1, 196-235, but grabbed the lead after



gaining 217 pinfalls in Game 2 against the latter's dismal 128. Camacho closed out with a 189 in Game 3 to take the singles crown, while Santos slid to third after recording 170 in the final game. Mersai, who started the tournament with a 169, showed

consistency in the last two games, logging 199 and 191 to move up to second place in the 19-player singles field.

In the All Events, Camacho averaged 171.89 to beat Mersai (167.56) anew and last year's winner Gloria Omech-

elung (167.56). Camacho added the 444 and 501 pinfalls she got from the doubles and team events to her 602 in the singles to earn 1,547 pinfalls, 39 more than Mersai's total. The eventual runner-up bagged 449 in the doubles and 500 in the team to collect 1,508 pinfalls. Omechelung totaled 1,495, built from her 495 in the singles and 453 and 547 in the doubles and team events, respectively.

The Abyss Crazy 8 kept hold of the third spot (122-118) when they defeated the Jokers STR8 Shooters (115-125), 10-5.

The Hustlers were battling the Crazy 8 as of press time with the former aiming to further distance themselves against the Voyagers. The Destroyers clashed with the Homeboyz and the Voyagers battled the STR8 Shooters in the other Tuesday Night matchups.

Route 33 to face lowly foes in last 2 weeks

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Route 33 Alamo Car Rental will face lower-ranked teams for its last two assignments as the Budweiser-Saipan Billiards Association Open 8-Ball Thursday League is about to wrap up its regular season.

They will face cellar dwellers Barcode Breakers (64-176) tomorrow and the Jokers Wonderpool Aces (120-120) next week.

Route 33 remains on top of the standings with a 142-98 won-loss slate following a 10-5 decision over the Abyss Rack 'N' Roll (129-111) last week.

The Boyet Sequioco-captained squad enjoys an eight-game edge over rival the Jokers Homeboyz (134-106), who are

just two wins ahead of the Abyss Titans' 132-108 mark followed closely by Wild Bill's (131-109).

The Homeboyz, who last week was not in contention for a podium finish, jumped to second after winning by default against the Breakers, 15-0.

Wild Bill's dropped to fourth place after dropping an 11-4 setback against the Barcode Hobbies Deadshot (122-118), while the Abyss Titans and the Smoke Pub Magic 8-Ball (128-112) scored similar 9-6 wins over the Wonderpool Aces and Jonny's Team SCS (98-142).

The Magic 8-Ball will take on the Hobbies Deadshot, the Wonderpool Aces will battle the Homeboyz, the Rack 'N' Roll will host Wild Bill's, and the Titans visit Team SCS in the other Thursday games on May 28.

In the Tuesday League, the Smoke Pub Armatech Hustlers scored a 9-6 victory over the Smoke Pub Ali'I Destroyers (112-128) to improve their record to 143-97.

The Jokers IT&E Voyagers continue to shadow the Hustlers with a 139-101 slate after posting a 10-5 decision against the lowly Abyss Homeboyz II (89-151).



The Barcode Hobbies Deadshot are hoping to close out their Budweiser-Saipan Billiards Association Open 8-Ball Thursday League on a winning note when they take on Smoke Pub Magic 8-Ball today and the Abyss Rack 'N' Roll next week.

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Hugging Umang bets.

William S. Reyes Elementary School's Tyler Omelau was the long jump champion after leaping a distance of 3.00m, while Agape Christian School's Tony Xu and Saipan International School's Christian Newman ended up tied with 2.70m. Xu earned the silver after having the least attempts in reaching the mark.

Daniel Alvares gave Tinian

the softball throw gold medal with a distance of 25.67m to beat King (24.05m) and WSR's Austin Pelisamen (21.95m).

Walter, on the other hand, ended up with three gold and a bronze. She topped the 60m, 100m, and 200m runs with times of 9.67, 15.65, and 38.31 seconds, while settling for the bronze in the 400m run (1:34.60).

Micarose Naanap of WSR (10.02) and Ha'ani Salas of Kolberville (10.35) placed second and third in the 60m run, while Brilliant Star School teammates

Savita Sikkel (16.80) and Serin Chung (17.06) equaled the feat in the 100m run.

Helen Kim of Whispering Palms settled for the silver in the 200m run with a time of 40.68 while Sikkel collected the bronze (41.05).

Koblerville's Jane Elias topped the 400m run clocking in at 1:27.78 to beat Princess Kasian's time of 1:29.87 last year. Sikkel bagged her second silver (1:34.20) while Walter was third (1:34.60).

Elias then added the 800m

(3:53.98) and 1,500m (9:34.11) run golds with Amanda Habal of WSR (4:23.25) and Ashley Kasian (10:37.94) settling for the silver.

Ashley Dangol won the long jump event with a 2.79m leap to beat Brilliant Star teammate Sikkel (2.78m) and WPS' Soarin Oh (2.73m), while it was a WSR sweep in the vortex throw behind Mattymae Pelisamen (14.85m), Shamae Kileleman (13.75m), and Hana Diaz (12.65m).

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De Jesus is entered in the 50m breaststroke, 50m, 100m, and 200m freestyle, 50m butterfly, 50m and 200m backstroke, and 200m IM. Dangol will be competing in the 50m, 100m, and 200m freestyle, 50m and 100m butterfly, 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke, and 200m IM, while Camacho-Deleon Guerrero will be racing in the 50m, 100m, 200m, and 400m freestyle, 50m and 100m breaststroke, and 50m and 100m butterfly. Gauran will be participating in the 50m, 100m, and 200m breaststroke, 100m and 400m freestyle, 50m butterfly, 200m backstroke, and

Omechelung also made it to the champions circle in last weekend's competition after topping the doubles event with Tess Fabie. The duo combined for 1,003 pinfalls with Fabie contributing 520 (155, 204, and 161) and Omechelung adding 483 (178, 168, 137). Incidentally, Fabie and Omechelung, who topped last year's doubles event, too, also finished third this season as their second set of games netted them 990 pinfalls (494 for Omechelung and 496 for Fabie).

Ron Cal and Yho Villavicencio joined Omechelung and Fabie in the Top 3 after registering 998 pinfalls. Villavicencio had a three-game total of 552 (204, 176, and 172), while Cal chipped in 446 (155, 127, and 164).

Meanwhile, in the team event, the foursome of Santos, Mersai, Omechelung, and Fabie prevailed against four

Tan Holdings dominate Golden Boot race

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Four of the Top 5 finishers in the Golden Boot race for the boys U18 age group came from division champion Tan Holdings Football Club.

Sean Perez led the contest with his 18 goals. He scored in Tan Holdings' first seven games, recording his most goals (4) in their 14-1 rout of Paire Football Club last March 21 and another blowout, 9-1, against the same team last April 11. The Tan Holdings forward earlier tallied three goals in their 5-1 victory over Paire in the first round and three more in their 5-0 win over Matansa last March 28. Perez's two other goals were recorded in their 2-1 triumph over MP United last Feb. 21 and 10-0 demolition versus Matansa last April 18.

Joining Perez in the Top 5 are teammates Se Young Kim, Joel Fruit, and Yoshi Mafnas, and Matansa's Ryu Tanzawa. Kim collected eight goals in

other squads after combining for 1,983 pinfalls. Fabie had the biggest contribution to the champion squad with her 525 (216, 143, and 166), followed by Mersai (500), Omechelung (491), and Santos (467).

Omechelung and Fabie also played together with Gigi Zapanta and Cal and they totaled 1,960 to rank second in the team event. This time, Omechelung had the most pinfalls among the four players with her 547 (139, 230, and 178), while Cal added 493 and Fabie and Zapanta logged 476 and 444, respectively.

Villavicencio, Elena Soll, Lala Taitano, and Diana Chong rounded out the Top 3 after earning 1,872 pinfalls. Soll was the top scorer for the third finishers with her 491 (152, 180, and 159), while Villavicencio, Chong, and Taitano recorded 475, 455, and 451.

The top finishers in each division were given trophies and cash prizes during the awards ceremony held last Sunday at the Nami Bar of Kanoa Resort.

the three-round robin contest, getting four in their third round match against Matansa, three versus Paire in the second round, and one more against Paire in the last. Fruit scored one goal off a penalty kick in Tan Holdings' 2-1 title win over MP United last Sunday, bringing his total in the spring season to seven. The lanky Tan Holdings player notched one goal apiece in five games, including last weekend's rubber match against MP United and bagged two in their 14-1 trashing of Paire in March.

Mafnas and Tanzawa finished with five goals each with the former making it to the board in Tan Holdings' first five games and the latter scoring one goal each in three of Matansa's first four matches and adding two in their 7-0 win over Paire last month.

Meanwhile, 16 other players logged at least two goals apiece in the spring season, while Tan Holdings recorded the most in three rounds with its 50.

sent the club to the tournament slated at the Hagatna Swimming Pool.

Kimura said some swimmers have less than eight events, but still there is a strong possibility that they will win high-point awards or land in the Top 3 rankings. The list includes 13 to 14's Mastero, 11 to 12's Aika Watanabe and Batallones, and 9 to 10's Tenorio.

"Other swimmers will not participate in full events and their total score maybe low. Therefore there is no possibility they will become high-point winners," Kimura said.

Swimmers are awarded points based on how they finish in each event.

NMIFA Youth Spring League U18 Championship Game

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Tan Holdings FC players flash the No. 1 sign after beating MP United, 2-1, in the rubber match for the season championship in the boys U18 division of the 2015 NMIFA Youth Spring League last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. Also in the photo is coach Ruselle Zapanta, standing left.



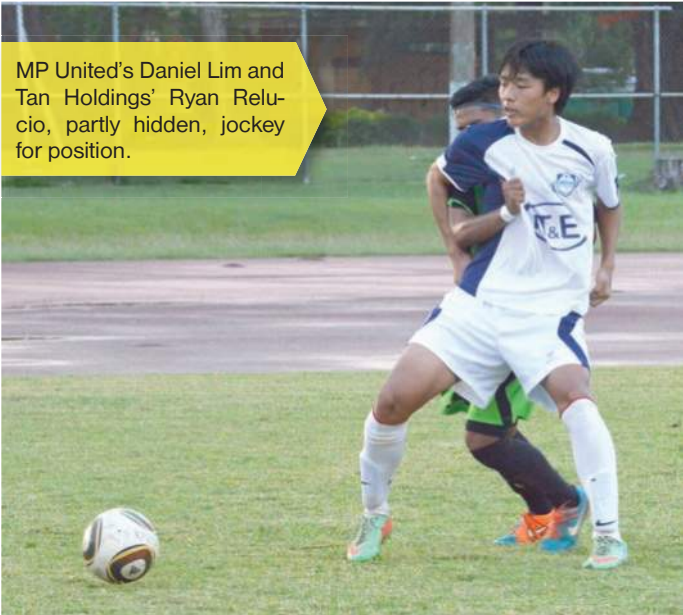
MP United's Scott Kim, right misses on a kick, while Tan Holdings' Junsik Kim stays in the play.



Tan Holdings FC's Joel Fruit dribbles away from MP United's Kyle Chung.



MP United's John Joyner is tightly guarded by Tan Holdings FC's Ryan Relucio, left, and Junsik Kim.



MP United's Daniel Lim and Tan Holdings' Ryan Relucio, partly hidden, jockey for position.



Tan Holdings' Sean Perez chases the ball and is being followed by MP United's Alex Park.



Tan Holdings' Mareko Tekopua goes up for a header against MP United's Daniel Lim.



MP United's Kyle Chung kicks the ball, while Tan Holdings' Yoshi Mafnas looks on.



Tan Holdings goalie Joshua Galarion, center, and defenders Louie Calayag, right, and Ryan Relucio get ready for an MP United corner kick.



Tan Holdings and MP United players trade high-fives after the game.

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Koblerville rules All-Schools divisions



Koblerville Elementary School's Jane Elias, right, hugs her teammate Ashley Kasian after receiving their medals in the 1,500m run event of last weekend's 2015 Public School System/McDonald's All-School Athletics Championship at the Hopwood Junior High School field.

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Koblerville Elementary School bets topped both the boys and girls divisions in the Under-8 age group of last weekend's 12th Public School System/McDonald's All-Schools Athletics Championship held in two different venues.



Thursday's opening took place at the Oleai Sports Complex before the annual event, which was postponed for one week due to Typhoon Dolphin that hit the Marianas last May 15. The sporting event was then transferred to the Hopwood Junior High School field for the last two days of competition.

Isaiah Aleksenko, Becky Walter, and Jane Elias led the way for the Hugging Umangs as they combined for 10 of the 12 gold medals that Koblerville bets collected.

Aleksenko went 4-for-4 while Walter clinched three gold and one bronze medal in the events they competed in.

Aleksenko ruled the boys 200 meter run with a time of 34.86 seconds or 1.22 seconds ahead of teammate Sylmark Defang (36.08), while Brilliant Star School's Kyle Moon placed third (36.40).

He then topped the 400m and 800m runs with 1:26.03 and 3:08.55, respectively, to reset the last year's times of John Mark Anastacio (1:26.69 and 3:15.39). His last gold came in the 1,500m run (6:48.70).

Robert De Courtney of

Whispering Palms School came in second in the 400m run (1:28.46) and Defang third (1:29.99), while DeCourtney and Monico Claridades copped the silver and bronze in the

800m run with times of 3:33.70 and 3:44.18, respectively.

Anthony Gregoire of WPS (7:35.89) and Claridades of Koblerville (8:10.65) finished second and third in the 1,500m run.

Defang and Ronersen Shorew gave Koblerville two more gold medals in the 60m (9.93) and 100m (16.58) sprints.

Koblerville's William King (10.19) and Saipan Community School's Hans Xu (10.47) settled for the silver and bronze in the 60m run, while Defang and King duplicated the feat in the 100m run for a sweep of the

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Leina among 66 to vie for US Open spot

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The CNMI's Leina Kim will be among the 66 female players that will tee off in the 36-hole Sectional Qualifier for the 70th U.S. Women's Open at the Riverdale Golf Club's The Dunes Course in Brighton, Colorado according to colorado-golf.org.

The Sectionals offer two spots to the \$4-million U.S. Women's Open, which will be hosted by the Lancaster Country Club in Lancaster, Pennsylvania from July 9 to 12.

Riverdale is one of the 21 Sectional Qualifying events for the U.S. Women's Open with four held overseas.

Jennifer Coleman, a former University of Colorado

Buffalo lady golfer, already secured her U.S. Women's Open spot in El Dorado Hills, California last May 18.

Kim will be competing against a number of Colorado's best lady golfers along with two-time Colorado Women's Golf Association two-time Player of the Year Somin Lee (2011 and 2012).

The Colorado State University-Pueblo junior is fresh from a 12th place finish in last week's NCAA Division II Women's Golf Championship at the Meadows Golf Course in Allendale, Michigan.

She finished the four-day finals with an 18-over 306 score to eclipse her 20-over

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Tsunami Saipan pins hopes on 7 swimmers



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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan believes seven off its 22 members participating in this weekend's 2015 Guam Championships have a strong chance to win top high-point awards in their respective division.

Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The Guam-bound Tsunami Saipan swimmers pose for a group photo during a break in their training session at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool last weekend.



Kimura is positive that U8's Hans Xu and Ashley Dangol, 9 to 10's Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero and Nanaka Watanabe, 11 to 12's Sophia Gauran, and 15 to 16's Kaito Yanai and Angel De Jesus can finish first in their age groups as the seven swimmers will be competing in the maximum (eight races) allowed events per participant.

Kaito is joining the 50m, 100m, and 200m breaststroke, 200m and 400m individual medley, 50m butterfly, and 50m and 400m freestyle, while

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